



John S. Egan
To cover Lee

Eagle names new reporter

The Berkshire Eagle has announced the appointment of John Scott Egan, a Kentucky native, to the county news staff to succeed Benjamin L. Ginsberg, who is leaving the staff, effective today.

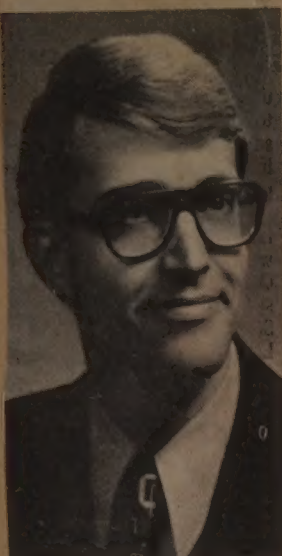
Ginsberg has resigned from The Eagle to join the city staff of the Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise, which publishes two daily newspapers with a combined circulation of 95,000 in an area bordered by Los Angeles and Orange counties on the east, and the Arizona border on the west.

He has covered Lee, Tyringham and Otis since joining The Eagle in January of 1975. Egan, who will live in Lee, will be primarily responsible for the same territory.

A graduate of Waggener High School in Louisville, Ky., where he received a National Merit letter of commendation, Egan received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., and also studied French language and literature at the University of Paris, Sorbonne, in France.

He was employed from 1975 to June of this year for the Poet-in-the-Schools program through which he taught poetry in the public school systems throughout Kentucky. The program was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ordination of Lee man is tomorrow



A. Douglas Ferry

LEE — A. Douglas Ferry, pastor of the Berkshire Hills Baptist Church on Pleasant Street, will be ordained as a minister at an ordination service at the church tomorrow night at 7.

An examining council of 35 pastors and messengers on May 6 recommended Ferry for ordination.

Ferry became pastor of the Berkshire Hills Baptist Church in March 1977. He was formerly pastor of Mount Holly Baptist Church and East Wallingford Baptist Church of East Wallingford, Vt. He attended the Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pa., and graduated from the Grand Rapids Baptist College in Grand Rapids, Mich., with a bachelor of religious education degree.

He and his wife, the former Theresa Hill of Lockport, N.Y., live in the church parsonage on Marble Street. The couple have two children.

Don Trott, assistant to the president of Baptist Bible College of Clarks Summit, Pa., will be guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.



THE MOUNT, which was the home of author Edith Wharton, will be open to visitors Saturday.

Open house planned at The Mount

LENOX — The Mount, former residence of novelist Edith Wharton, will be opened to the public Saturday by its new occupants, Shakespeare & Company.

Tours of the property, conducted by a team of six actors in residence, will be given daily through the Fourth of July holiday and every Saturday and Sunday afternoon for the remainder of the season. Tours, lasting about an hour, will begin in the main foyer every 20 minutes beginning at 2. Visitors will be asked to make a "suggested contribution" of \$2.50.

In addition to giving a brief history of the Mount, the guides will describe the renovation work done by Shakespeare & Company residents and discuss the first season's program. The tour will cover all the public rooms, including the library and Mrs. Wharton's writing room, which adjoins it. Visitors will be invited to walk through the grounds of the 15-acre estate.

When Shakespeare & Company residents arrived in May, the building was in such disrepair that the group was evicted by Building Inspector Harold R. Felton before the actors could spend the first night there.

William Liberman, executive director of the company, emphasized that the Mount is not being opened as a museum. "We're simply opening our home to the public so they can see the progress of the work as it's being done here and give all of us the opportunity of getting to know each other," he said.

Liberman and Tina Packer, artistic director of the company, met with Lenox Selectmen last night to acquaint town officials with the company's plans and ask for suggestions on how to gain support from the community.

The company hopes to begin classes that can be attended by local residents, in addition to those it offers resident actors, and it plans to give three plays this season. Liberman said that the company wants to meet members of the community who

might be interested in forming an auxiliary and a restoration committee.

Selectman George R. Lagarce, in response to a question from Ms. Packer, said that because the Mount belonged to Foxhollo, an exclusive girls' boarding school, for many years, many

local residents had never been on the grounds. Lagarce also said he thinks the local market for the company's productions is limited. "You'll probably have to extend yourselves more than the town will," Lagarce said.

Selectman George L. Darey observed that Lenox is "in the tourist business, and the more people you bring in, the better."

Name in the News

Help for school boards

LEE

Henry G. "Hank" Greiner has the look these days of a man who has found the job that's right for him. And Greiner will gladly tell you that's the case.

After more than two decades working as a customer engineer for the International Business Machine Corp. and then as a service representative for MacFarlane Office Products of Pittsfield, Greiner has landed a full-time job in the area that has long been his avocation — education.

He was named last week as the field representative for the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). In his new job, Greiner will travel throughout the state advising several hundred school committees on the problems he has dealt with firsthand every other Tuesday night since 1972, as a member of the Lee School Committee.

"My main job will be to let committees around the state know how the MASC can help them," Greiner said. Specifically, the MASC was organized to blunt the increasing power and effectiveness of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association.

"What the MASC does is provide aid and assistance to school committees in collective bargaining, the specific wording of contracts with school personnel and arbitration problems. We have a lawyer on the staff and copies of virtually every contract and arbitration decision in the state," Greiner said.

Other MASC services include advice on the preparation of budgets and federal grant applications, and setting up workshops around the state on matters of concern to school committee members.

"I'll be going around to as many committees as I can, offering the help of the MASC," Greiner said.

Greiner's background in Lee town affairs prepared him for his new duties. His six years on the School Committee



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

Greiner: Series of trade-offs

have included two years as chairman. He has also been involved in collective bargaining negotiations with school personnel for three of those years. Prior to that, he was on the town Finance Committee for five years, four of those years as chairman.

His philosophy on negotiations, which he expressed at the Aug. 2 Lee School Committee is that "a contract is a series of trade-offs, based on what you can afford to give and what it takes to make sure that your personnel are taken care of properly."

Greiner moved to the Berkshires in 1959 from the Glendale section of Queens, N.Y., at the behest of IBM. It is a move he says he has never regretted.

"Where I grew up we never had a patch of grass we could call a playground," he told a recent visitor in the living room of his Sturgis Avenue home.

He moved to Lee on the day before Christmas, 1960. While here, he has been the president of the Kiwanis Club, a Little League baseball coach, a PeeWee Football League coach and a member of the league's board of directors, and a volunteer who took movies of Lee High School football games for 10 years.

He and his wife, Virginia, have three sons, all of them in the Lee schools.

Most of Greiner's time on the Lee committee, and presumably most of his time in his new duties, is taken up more with administrative than educational matters. Yet, he says:

"I firmly believe that education is the primary responsibility of the School Committee, which means that education must also be the prime responsibility of the MASC. The purpose of the MASC is to help school committees provide quality education to the students in the system, and quality education is often determined by such ancillary issues as contracts, personnel and other things that we can give specific advice on."

Greiner says he has spent his first days on the job familiarizing himself with the organization's files and resources. Once he has a grasp on that information, Greiner says most of his time will be spent in the field consulting with committees. He plans to travel to the MASC Tremont Street headquarters in Boston about once a week to catch up on correspondence and do research on questions asked by committees he has visited.

Lenfest to direct Lee school athletics

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Richard P. Lenfest, a physical education teacher at Lee High School for the past 10 years, last night was named the school's new athletic director. He succeeds John Consolati, who held the post for the last 40 years.

Lenfest was officially confirmed last night on a unanimous vote by the School Committee. The other two applicants for the job were Richard Salinetti and Sally Maish.

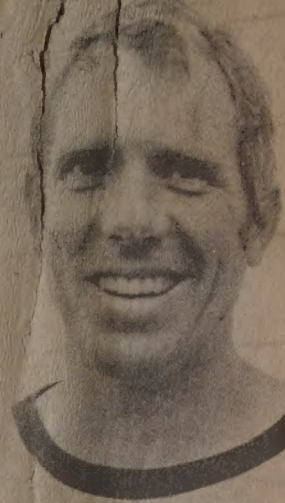
The job of athletic director is a part-time position, and Lenfest will continue in his job as physical education teacher. He said in an interview this morning he would continue his duties as head baseball coach, but would give up his job as varsity football backfield coach.

"I'm looking forward to the position. It's going to be challenging," he said.

Among Lenfest's first duties will be naming a varsity football coach, a duty also handled by Consolati for the past 40 years.

Lenfest, 37, came to Lee as a physical education instructor 10 years ago from Maine, where he coached for three years.

Lenfest graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1963. He was a pitcher for the university's varsity baseball team that won Yankee Conference championships in 1961 and 1963.



Richard P. Lenfest

To succeed Consolati

He grew up in Rochester, N.H., where he played football, basketball and baseball.

He and his wife, Carol, live on Fairview Street with their two children.

Tyer wins collaborative post

GREAT BARRINGTON — William F. Tyer Jr., a member of the Lee School Committee, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative Wednesday evening. He succeeds Mark Gilligan of Lenox.

Jesse Schoonmaker of the South Berkshire Regional School Committee was elected vice chairman.

Lee native

Tyer, 52, is a Lee native who served on the Lee School Committee from 1970 to 1976 and returned to it for a three-year term last month.

During his first six years on the committee, he was a driving force behind establishing vocational education in Lee schools and elsewhere in the county.



William F. Tyer Jr.

He is the plant supervisor for New England Telephone Co. in Pittsfield.

During the meeting, the board voted to locate the collaborative automotive program for next fall at the Mercer building across from Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington.

That plan came under attack last month when representatives from the Berkshire Hills Regional School District said that the placing of another facility in Great Barrington would cause considerable opposition from local garages.

The motion was passed on a recommendation from the steering committee, comprised of the superintendents of the schools served by the collaborative, which determined the site the most convenient for the four schools involved.

Lee schoolteacher is target of complaint

LEE — High school administrators will deliver a report to the School Committee on Aug. 2 on allegations that chemistry teacher Nancy Houk refused requests by students for extra help.

The charge was brought to the committee Tuesday night by Donna DiGrigoli, who said her daughter, a sophomore, had asked Mrs. Houk for extra help in chemistry.

Mrs. DiGrigoli told the committee that Mrs. Houk told Kathleen DiGrigoli to get a private tutor if she wanted more help.

After hearing Mrs. DiGrigoli's charge, Chairman Henry G. Greiner said two similar complaints had been brought to his attention within the past few days.

Committee members, saying it was part of a teacher's job to give students additional help if requested, voted unanimously to have the high school administrators conduct the investigation.

Vice Principal Henry Zukowski, attending the meeting on other business, was given the committee's mandate. Greiner suggested the best method might be to have all the parties discuss the situation at one session.

Mrs. Houk, contacted yesterday morning, said she had

not been informed of the charges. When told of the allegations by a reporter, she said she would have no comment, and that under the teachers' contract all her statements had to be made privately at the administrative investigation.

Mrs. Houk has been a teacher in the Lee schools since 1966. She previously taught at the Williams High School in Stockbridge.

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Lee board adopts rules for school-book loans

LEE — A new policy clearly putting the responsibility for school library books, textbooks or other equipment on the student that signs out the property was unanimously adopted last night by the School Committee.

The committee decided to draft a new policy last month after a parent argued his daughter should not be responsible for a book that was missing from a desk she shared with three other students. The policy adopted last night is the first written policy on missing school property.

The policy also states that "on all items not returned on time and in satisfactory condition restitution will be required at the replacement cost." That phrase was adopted because the parent last month also argued any missing book would have depreciated over its life in the school.

The policy says cases where "satisfactory restitution is not made" will be reported to the School Committee. The principal at each school will be responsible for enforcing the policy.

In other business last night, the School Committee:

- Put off for at least two weeks any discussion of a parent's charges that chemistry teacher Nancy Houk refused extra help to a student. The committee last night received a written report from Vice Principal Henry Zukowski on the charge. Chairman Henry G. Greiner suggested members read the report in the next two weeks and bring it up for a discussion at the committee's Aug. 16 meeting if they felt that necessary.

- Received the resignation of Richard Lenfest as the assistant varsity football coach. Lenfest was recently named the high school's athletic director. He will continue as varsity baseball coach.

- Appointed Anne Bailey of Fairview Street and Jeanne Mosca of East Street as teachers' aides for the coming school year.

- Appointed Kathleen Powers of Marble Street as the new special education teacher at the Central School. She replaces Ruth Tacey, who resigned.

- Appointed Kathleen Adamites of Westfield as the new special education teacher. She replaces John Consolati, who resigned.

DISCUSSING the grievance filed by Lee teacher William LaGrant, second from right, at last night's School Committee meeting are, from left, Joseph Savery, a committee member; Nancy Houk, a Lee teachers' union official; Frank Meridan, a Massachusetts

Teachers Association field representative; LaGrant, and Joseph Puleri, a committee member. LaGrant's grievance concerning the girls' softball coaching job was denied.

Crerar named to Lee's DPW board

LEE — The Selectmen Monday appointed James P. Crerar of 184 Main Street to the Department of Public Works board to fill the unexpired term of George Wheeler.

Last week the Selectmen fired Wheeler from the board because he had attended a March 29 meeting in Pittsfield on regional water problems after the Selectmen had said they would not accept an invitation to the meeting and that they did want the town to get involved in any regional plans.

Wheeler's term on the board will expire July 1, the Selectmen said. Crerar will serve on the DPW until then. The new Selectmen's board will make a decision on an appointment for a three-year seat on the board after the May 15 annual election, according to Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova.

In another matter, the Selectmen set the "Baby Town Meeting" for May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Central School gymnasium. The meeting is to explain the warrant to all interested voters. Castronova said that copies of the warrant would be distributed to all town residents beginning next Monday and Tuesday.

The board also sent a letter to Lee Police Officer Alan B. Sparks, accepting his resignation with regret. Sparks is leaving the force May 13 to go into the painting business. The Selectmen commended him on his ten years' service to the town.

Middlefield Grange honors Ethel Pease

MIDDLEFIELD — Ethel M. Pease, librarian of the Middlefield Public Library, was presented the Community Citizen Award for a non-Granger by Middlefield Grange 310 at a meeting last night at the elementary school.

The award was made by state Grange Master Vernon West of Williamsburg, before an audience of 50 people representing eight Granges and non-Grange neighbors and friends.

Miss Pease, affectionately called Aunt Ethel by many, is a Middlefield native. She is a retired teacher, having been a high school English instructor for 47 years. She worked first in Bolton's Landing, N.Y., and later at Utica (N.Y.) Free Academy. She returned to spend her retirement years here eight years ago.

Miss Pease is also assistant treasurer and a member of the Middlefield Church Committee, member of the executive committee of the Ladies' Aid Society and treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department. She has been assistant leader of the Ethel Pease Youth Center group for the past two years.

The young people named the group after her following its organization, when she offered them use of the library as a meeting place.

She has helped collect and arrange articles for the Mid-

dlefield Museum, located in the Town Hall, and has been active in the Highland Agricultural Society, previously working in the office and more recently assisting the judges at the annual fair. Besides the plaque, which was signed by the National Grange master and lecturer and the local Grange master and lecturer, she was presented a paperweight with her name engraved and the insignia "Community Citizen's Award."

Mid-Day Oasis serves food and learning

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Mid-Day Oasis, a restaurant in the building that houses the Lee Bowling Lanes off Route 102 here, opened Tuesday. For many of the almost 50 diners who came for lunch, it was their first experience eating a four-course meal cooked and served by area high-school students.

For the students, veterans of two months in food services, it was just another day of work. They did it like professionals.

The Mid-Day Oasis, now in its second year of operation, serves as a learn-by-doing classroom for the 18 students enrolled in the food-service program of the Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative.

The collaborative, made up of the Lee, Lenox, Berkshire Hills and Southern Berkshire Regional school districts, was created by the districts in an effort to pool their several resources to offer students a wide range of vocational education opportunities.

As the crowd of school administrators, professionals and area residents gathered and sampled hors d'oeuvres, two young men in neat uniforms stood behind a punch bowl and a tray of steaming meatballs. One of them, George Reynolds, said he had made the meatballs two days before. Now he was serving them.

Each student at the Mid-Day Oasis works in each of the four phases of the collaborative's food-service program: cooking, baking, salad preparation and serving. Students rotate jobs every week and make a complete rotation every month.

Reynolds, a junior at Monument Mountain High School, said he hadn't done much cooking before he got into the program. Now he would like to go on to Johnson and Wales, a college with a culinary arts program in Providence, R.I., and then become a professional chef.

While hosts and hostesses showed guests to their seats, the kitchen was a flurry of measured, determined movement.

White-uniformed students slipped quickly in and out of the kitchen door carrying large trays into the dining area. Christopher Ryan, 17, a senior at Lenox High School, held tureens while another student, Daniel Bundy, 16, a senior at Lee High School, dipped ladlefuls of green



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EYES on the broth, cook Daniel Bundy ladles chicken gumbo soup into bowls for diners at the Mid-Day Oasis, while cook Christopher Ryan looks on. Both are students in the food-service program of the Southern Berkshire Collaborative.

chicken gumbo soup. Other students tended porkchops, stuffed with a mixture of apples and onion, that were heating for the main course.

An interloper, stumbling into a kitchen full of high school students, might have been prepared for culinary chaos.

But the scene resembled a quiet, well-oiled assembly line.

Edward Maurer, collaborative director, explained that everything the students cooked and served they already had practiced.

"They've already baked this bread before," said Maurer during the luncheon, pointing to a piece of fresh hot bread. "They've already cooked the main course before. This is just practice for them."

Camillus Cachat of Dalton, a former professional chef, is the instructor for the collaborative's food-service program. He stood calmly in the kitchen, with students bustling around him, and spoke with pride about the operation:

"I love it — helping the kids — turning the students back on to school. Some of the students in here last year might have been dropouts, but after they entered

this class, their grades went up here, and in other classes too."

The 18 students in the food-service program take five classes in the morning at the high school they attend in one of the four districts that form the collaborative, and then are bused to the Mid-Day Oasis, where they work from 11:30 to 2:30 before returning to their high schools.

Scott Maccini, a junior at Lenox High School, does double restaurant duty, working at the Mid-Day Oasis, then going to the Red Lion Inn, where he is employed as a cook's runner five nights a week, from 5 until 10 p.m.

The Mid-Day Oasis is now open for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches are priced around \$1.50. The restaurant only serves 20 persons a day, and interested diners should make reservations well in advance.

According to Maurer, the restaurant is attractive to the elderly, who are particularly welcome, and he likes to let a comment by one elderly woman explain:

"Yes, I enjoy the service and the food, and I like the prices, but most of all, it's a place to come to."

OUR LIFE'S STAR

BY JOHN E. WICKHAM, '99.

When midnight darkness broods upon the deep,
And stormy winds sweep o'er the waters drear,
Long must the weary sailor vigil keep,
His heart is sore with many an anxious fear.

Fast fly his fondest hopes, and dark despair
Swoops down—but h! from out the night
Of some fair star shines forth; gone is his care,
The heaven-descended beam directs the way.

So, on life's unknown sea, when wrathful winds
Of basest evil howl thro' night's black shade,
The soul, fair bark, no restful harbor finds,
No guiding light, the wanderer to aid.

But when the bark is nigh o'erwhelmed by tide,
Clear o'er the turbid sea the blessed sight
Of that one star, the trustful sailor's guide,
Gleams thro' the clouds that hide the home of light.

When my frail bark is tossed by wind and wave,
And sadly drifts away 'midst shadows dark,
O star of purest ray, shine forth and save!
To restful harbors guide the wanderer's bark.

—The Holy Cross Purple.



EXPLAINING education at Lee High School at last night's forum is Vice Principal Henry Zukowski, in bow tie. Seated from left, facing camera, are James Gralla, head of occupational education, School Com-

mittee member Joseph Puleri, Zukowski, Principal Robert Lucy, Chairman Henry Greiner, Supt. Maurice J. Boulanger, and with back to camera, Guidance Director William Bourdon.

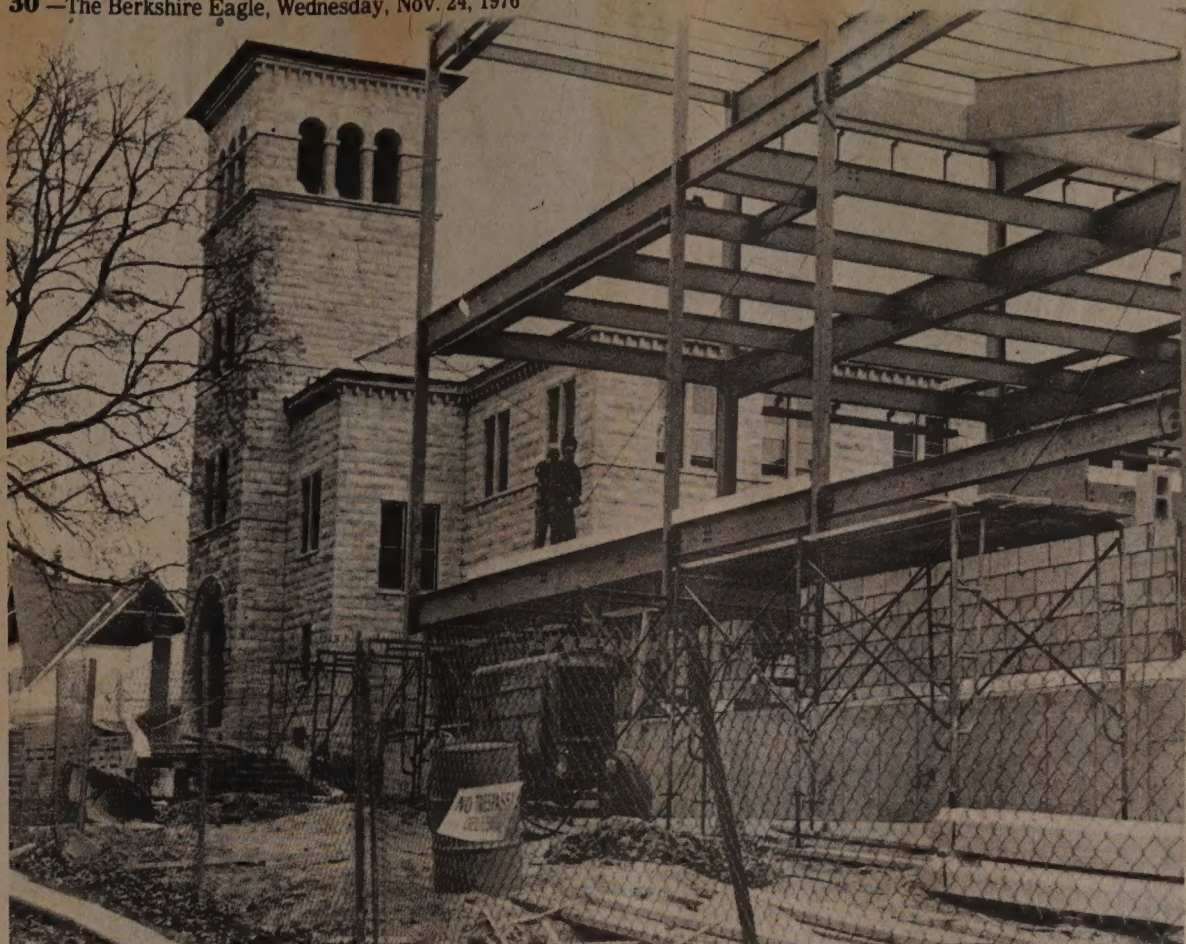
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William F. Tyer Jr., returned to the Lee School Committee Tuesday night after a year's exile. Tyer and incumbent Marguerite Tristany were elected to the Committee Monday, with David M. Parker the loser in his third try for the office.



Harris Photo
All was not bitter at the polls in Lee Monday, where members of the Lee High Band Parents organization were on hand to sponsor a bake sale. Members Norma Plankey, Terry Gaudette, and Barbara Scolforo offered various cakes and pastry to voters.



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STEEL SHELL of the middle school wing at Lee's Central School is going up on schedule. The roof over

the structure is expected to be completed by Dec. 1. The view is to the north.



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NEW WING of the Lee Central School begins to take shape. The existing part of the Central School is at left. Completion of the wing, which will house 7th and 8th

graders, is scheduled for the start of the next school year.

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Lee school board wary of regionalization

By Mark C. Miller

LEE — Henry G. Greiner, chairman of the Lee School Committee, last night criticized state Education Commissioner Gregory R. Anrig for promoting school regionalization when its benefits have not been demonstrated.

"Anrig ought to prove that savings could come from regionalization," Greiner said. "I'd like to know where the savings are and what the better education is."

Noting his intention to resist pressure from the state Department of Education for Lee to join a school region, Greiner said, "I think it would be well worth our while to study our options."

He said he opposed regionalization with Lenox, Stockbridge, Hancock, Richmond, "and anybody else who happens to fall through the roof."

Greiner's position was supported by committee members Joseph F. Puleri and Marguerite Tristany and opposed mildly by John H. Dolan. James M. Graham did not join in the discussion, and Joseph C. Savery was absent from the meeting.

Puleri suggested that the state Department of Education could "go pound sand until they show us a law" that requires regionalization.

Remain as is

Puleri said he had once thought Lee had made a mistake in not regionalizing with Lenox and Stockbridge, "but Hancock and Richmond is ridiculous," he said.

The committee has until 1978 to make known its intentions to the state agency regarding regionalization.

"My personal option is to write a plan to the Department of Education that we remain just as we are," Greiner said.

The committee agreed to schedule a meeting in early January to discuss the issue at length. Dolan said he wanted to see what the Capital Outlay Committee established by the Board of Selectmen had to say regarding the impact of regionalization on the town's tax base.

"Like regionalization or not, there may not be any option," he said.

School Supt. Maurice J. Boulanger said the next step would

be to discuss regionalization at the next meeting, in December, of the combined school committees of Otis, Tyringham and Lee. Otis and Tyringham send their high school students to Lee High.

"We are a union," Boulanger said. "We're not Lee by ourselves."

The committee acknowledged that Lee has held three general votes on regionalization, and it has been defeated each time by a successively larger margin.

No statistics

Greiner said he has asked Anrig at the last three annual meetings of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees for the state Board of Education to show Lee "what we're lacking that the regionals offer, and they can't."

"No one has come up with these kinds of statistics," Miss Tristany said. "If they could show us, we'd be crazy not to go that route."

Greiner said many towns in Massachusetts "are in regional setups that wish they weren't."

Greiner said he would like to see a study that showed that regionalized school systems turn out a greater number of graduates who are successful in col-

lege than nonregionalized school systems. He said he is inclined to think that the state Board of Education hasn't released such a study because no such study could be compiled.

Declaring that "regionalized education is expensive education," Greiner said that figures for the 1975-76 school year showed that per-pupil costs for students in regionalized school systems are almost always higher than for those in non-regionalized systems, even though state reimbursements are subtracted from the figures for the regionalized systems but not for the nonregionalized sys-

tems. He said Lee's reimbursements from the state go into the town's general fund, while regional school systems factor their reimbursements into their annual costs.

Boulanger suggested that regionalization for Lee would "not necessarily" mean the construction of a new school building.

"Not necessarily, but absolutely, Maurice!" Greiner responded. "Where did you ever see a region that didn't build a school?"

Greiner agreed that the committee's meeting on regionalization should be held after a representative of the state Board of

Education meets with the board. "Let's get the clowns out of the way first," he said.

Greiner said he wondered why The Berkshire Eagle on its editorial page has endorsed school regionalization without requiring proof of its merits.

An "In brief" editorial on Nov. 10 applauded the state Board of Education for "trying to corral the county's remaining go-it-alone towns, like Lee and Lenox, into regionalization."

American Greeting cards for Thanksgiving, the nicest way to say thank you. McClelland Rexall Drug — Adv.

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INDUCTING a new member to the Lee High School Key Club is, at left, president Julie Gore. Being pinned is new member Jackie Mangin.

Lee Key Club inducts 16

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Lee High School Key Club last night inducted 16 new members at the club's annual dinner meeting with the Lee Kiwanis Club. More than 100 persons attended the dinner,

held this year at the Greenock Country Club. Kiwanis President Dana P. LaDuke praised the Key Club for its work in the community during the last year.

During October, Key Club members cut and sold firewood. The Key Club sponsored "Operation Nightmare" at the Airolti Building on Railroad Street during the first weekend in November, and raised \$75 for UNICEF. On another day in November, Key Club members and the Kiwanis Club removed 1,000 pounds of trash from roadsides in Lee.

Key Club president Julie Gore pinned membership buttons on each of the students who were inducted last night. The new

members are Jane Constantopoulos, Sandy Spinny, Arlene Lockenwitz, Linda Pecon, Janice Greiner, Anne Deely, P.J. Yerrick, Pam Wickham, Jackie Mangin, John Nesti, Thomas Smachetti, Darren Murray, Peter Comalli, Tim Adams, Tom Garrity and Robert Ingagni.

Thomas Dunne, director of Children's Protective Services in Pittsfield, addressed the gathering after dinner.

The Lee High School Key Club has 38 members.

Coricidin D decongestant tablets 25's \$1.09. McClelland Rexall Drug. — Adv.

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PARKING PROBLEM at the Central School is discussed by teacher Mary Turner, on the left, who asked the town to help solve the shortage of parking space at and around the Central School, and by Traffic Commis-

sion Chairman Russell W. Seff, who said that limited parking signs on High and Academy streets would stand. About 30 Central School employees attended the meeting at Town Hall.

Lee officials affirm decision to limit parking near school

By John S. Egan

LEE — Traffic Commission Chairman Russell W. Seff last night rejected claims that the town had discriminated against the teachers and staff at the Central School by posting signs that limit parking on High Street and Academy Street and said that any solution to a staff parking problem rests with the School Committee.

"I see no basis to any charge of discrimination," he said. "The traffic commission studied the problem for a long time before deciding to put up the signs. Regulations are made to take care of a traffic problem where a problem exists. We had to institute one-hour parking on Main Street but I never heard the charge of discrimination from merchants."

Seff made his comments in reply to questions from about 30 Central School teachers and employees who crowded into the Selectmen's meeting room last night. The Central School staff had sent to the Selectmen two weeks ago an 81-signature petition which complained that the town had discriminated against the employees by establishing limited parking zones on High Street in front of the school and on Academy Street during school hours.

Until this year, the streets had been a main source of parking space for the employees. About 60 automobiles are driven daily to the school, according to Principal Raymond B. Kavey. There are now 10 parking spaces on school grounds.

Seff, who discussed the staff's complaint Friday with Lee Fire Chief Ottavio Giarolo and acting Police Chief Edward J. Finnegan, said the traffic commission would stand firm behind its decision of last fall to erect the signs.

The commission moved to limit the parking on High Street and Academy Street during school hours for three reasons, Seff said.

"We had complaints from neighbors who said it was difficult to get out of their driveways and that employees' cars prevented visitors from parking in front of their houses," Seff said. "We also believe that cars parked on both sides of the street pose an obstruction for fire engines in an emergency. And cars parked bumper to bumper are a safety hazard to children. A driver can't see a kid who suddenly steps out from behind parked cars."

"We think this is a School Committee problem," Seff said, "not a traffic commission problem. We think there's parking available on the school grounds. If the school were a business it would be obliged to provide parking for its employees."

A number of teachers disagreed with Seff's last point, on the grounds that teachers are town employees. They said the town should either allow the teachers to park close to the school or be responsible for finding a new parking area.

"We're teachers and our salaries are paid by the town," said Mary Turner, a 4th grade teacher. "You don't have to walk six miles to your place of business. Do you expect us to walk blocks, loaded with books, especially in the cold?"

"If neighbors complain of teachers blocking driveways, then why not direct the police to ticket the cars?" another teacher asked. "It would be more fair to give out tickets than to take parking away from all the cars."

After other teachers and employees criticized the decision to erect signs only in front of the school but not on either

end of High Street as being discriminatory and rejected Seff's statement that there might be room for additional parking on school grounds, Larry Porter, a music teacher, asked the Selectmen to help the teachers out of their parking bind.

"We'd like to know what steps the town will take to solve the problem," he said. "You won't let us park on the street, so we're looking for a parking lot. We think we deserve a place to park, whether it means the town has to buy the land or shuck it off on the School Committee."

Seff responded that the traffic commission had informed the School Committee last fall of its decision to post the signs and repeated his claim that the move for a new parking area would have to be initiated by the School Committee.

School Committee member Joseph Puleri, who was observing the meeting from the doorway and said he was there as a private citizen, protested that the School Committee had had no choice but to go along with the commission's decision to establish limited parking zones.

"You told us the town was going to put up the signs," he said. "We listened. What could we do?" Then he added, with sarcasm, "Fine. We'll put an article in the town meeting warrant to buy a parking lot and then let's see how everyone likes his taxes going up. Put that in the paper."

Selectman William M. Murphy, who was acting as chairman in the absence of Selectman Joseph J. Castronova, said he would soon schedule a meeting between the School Committee, the Selectmen and the traffic commission to attempt to iron out the problem.

Lee board chairman blasts Eagle writer

LEE — School Committee Chairman Henry G. Greiner last night strongly criticized "as filled with inaccuracies and innuendos" an opinion column in last Saturday's Eagle on the committee's educational forums.

The column, which appeared on the paper's Op-ed page and was authored by Lee reporter Benjamin L. Ginsberg, was critical of the forums for not taking a hard enough look at the school's educational product.

Greiner said that whether the monthly educational forums are "accomplishing their goal is for us to decide."

He was especially critical of a statement in the article which attributed to the Department of Education figures showing that the town spends less money per pupil than any other town in Western Massachusetts except one. The figures used were for the 1974-1975 school year.

Greiner last night presented the statistics for the 1975-76 school year to the committee. Those figures showed that the town ranks 19th of 35 school districts for elementary school expenditures.

The statistics show the statewide average per pupil expenditure to be \$1,245. The town spends \$1,154.

For high schools, the town ranks 12th of 16 area school districts. Lee spends \$1,405 per pupil. The statewide average is \$1,536.

Overall, the town ranked 16th of 35 districts for per pupil expenditures. The town's average was \$1,256 per pupil. The area average is \$1,350.

Per pupil expenditures are determined by taking the district's total operating costs and dividing by the average attendance of the schools.

The column also said the town had not joined a regional school district because the officials wanted to maintain strict local control and to see Lee field its own athletic teams. Greiner said the town had voted against regionalization because "no one has been able to show us that we get a better education for our students for our money by joining a region."

The column also said the forums could have discussed the students' low college board scores. Greiner said the school's average scores ranked "over 50 per cent" when compared to all schools in the country.

Greiner also disputed the column's contention that the administrators were not the best people to evaluate the performance of the school because they had been in their jobs a long time and therefore were responsible for the educational product they would have to evaluate.

He issued a strong defense of the administrators and charged the column was guilty of "irresponsible reporting"

because it "seemed to say that because the administrators have been here a long time they are not capable of doing a good job."

Greiner was also critical of mistakes Ginsberg has included in his articles over the two years he has covered the School Committee. Greiner specifically cited instances where the wrong teacher had been reported leaving to get married and another had been incorrectly reported as receiving a coaching job. He also cited an article where a subcommittee report on an accident in a shop had been called a report by the state Department of Public Safety.

The Eagle printed corrections on the first two mistakes. No correction was printed on the third error at Greiner's request. He said at the time he "didn't want to make a bigger thing out of it than it already is."

Greiner concluded his criticism of the column and defense of the administrators by saying:

"We don't have to apologize to anyone, especially those who don't take the time to research their articles."

Greiner said earlier in his 5-minute speech, at which Ginsberg was present, that he "personally will give no more information to The Berkshire Eagle." Ginsberg made no response to Greiner's remarks.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Henry G. Greiner speaks his mind.

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Lee man named field agent for school boards

LEE— Henry G. Greiner of Sturgis Avenue has been named the first Western Massachusetts field representative in the history of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) by the organization's board of directors. Greiner will officially begin his duties on Monday.

Greiner, who is chairman of the Lee School Committee, said that though the MASC has represented committees in the area, it has never before had a full-time paid field representative.

Savery is president

Greiner becomes the second Lee man to rise in the hierarchy of the MASC, a research and lobbying group supported by school committees throughout the state. Joseph C. Savery, also a member of the school committee, has been elected president of the organization for the coming year. Unlike Greiner's, Savery's post is unsalaried.

The MASC has been set up by the committees in the hopes of gaining the political muscle to match the Massachusetts Teachers Association. In his new duties, Greiner said he would be in contact with the School Committees of Berkshire, Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin and parts of Worcester counties.

"I'll be dealing with the committees and helping them with their problems, such as if they are either totally or partially self-financing, or if they are not, and the ponds they won't be able to maintain."

Seven of the 11 proposed dam sites are in Berkshire County.



Henry G. Greiner
School Committee Chairman

the road.

Greiner says he plans to continue in his chairmanship of the local School Committee, of which he has been a member since 1972. Before accepting his new position, Greiner worked at MacFarlane Office Products in Pittsfield and as a field representative for IBM.

He has also been the chairman of the town Finance Committee and the president of the Kiwanis Club. He is a native of New York City who moved here in 1961. He is married and has three children.

the 60,000 acres, more than half of which are in Berkshire County.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

DISCUSSING guidance in the Lee schools last night were, from right to left, Joseph P. Savery of the School Committee, Warren Reynolds of the Central School; Marguerite Tristany of the committee; William Chisholm of the Central School; James Brady of the high school, and partially hidden, James Graham of the committee and William Bourdon of the high school. Meeting was third in a series of educational forums.

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Postgraduate high-school year proposed

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — A suggestion that the town's schools add a postgraduate year of study for students planning to enter the work force directly after graduation but who are too young to get jobs drew the most interest at a three-hour forum on the guidance program at the schools.

The forum — the third of the monthly meetings initiated by the School Committee in January to discuss the educational product — featured descriptions of the guidance program from William Bourdon and John Brady at the high school, and Warren Reynolds and William Chisholm at the Central School. Nine people attended last night, the smallest number to attend since the forums began.

The bulk of the meeting was spent listening to the description of the guidance program. The suggestion for the extra year came from Reynolds after a suggestion from School Committee member Joseph Puleri that the schools work more closely with the local paper mills to find jobs for graduates. Puleri said that out-of-towners held 40 per cent of the jobs at the Schweitzer division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. mills and an even higher percentage at the Mead Corp.

"Part of the problem is that many kids are 17 when they graduate and the mills won't touch anyone until they're 18," Puleri said. He suggested students start school at the age of 6 rather than 5.

Reynolds then suggested the extra year for students "who want additional job training."

Puleri quickly agreed with the suggestion, saying, "I think it's a great idea to have a program like that designed to give kids training that will meet the specific needs of the area."

Chairman Henry G. Greiner also approved of the idea and asked Reynolds to submit the idea in writing for future School Committee consideration.

"What we're saying," Greiner asserted, "is not that an extra year of training will guarantee a job. But a kid with a special interest and training has a leg up over a kid that doesn't. If there are jobs in the area then we should prepare our students as well as possible."

Puleri also asked at one point why the school didn't have training programs with the local mills.

Bourdon, director of the guidance program, told Puleri, who is the head of the union at the Eaton Paper Co. in Pittsfield, that there was such a program until a few years ago. "We had a program with Schweitzer, but they stopped it at the insistence of the union, which said that students shouldn't work while the employees were getting laid off," he said.

The four guidance counselors described their main duties as academic and personal counseling for students, administering a plethora of basic skills tests, scheduling, and providing information on colleges and careers. The counselors from the high school said they also provided information on how to be interviewed, how to prepare resumes and how to get financial aid at college.

All four stressed that the Guidance Department had an "open door" policy, meaning students could come in any time and do not have to make appointments.

Yet a student who graduated last year, Christopher Hodgkins, expressed surprise that the guidance counselors helped with personal as well as academic problems. "I always thought your role was academic, not personal, counseling," he

said.

Bourdon and Brady said they thought students were aware that the counselors would talk about personal problems. But Greiner and other members of the committee suggested to the four that they make students more aware of their availability for personal counseling.

Chisholm, earlier in the evening, had tried to get that point across by saying that "kids can always come to me. I discuss with the kids everything from academic questions to how to have self-confidence, to what causes acne."

Asked by committee member Marguerite Tristany about the weakest part of the guidance program, Bourdon said it was "career education, but since we beefed up the vocational-education program and hired a full-time director (James Gralla) that has been improved a lot."

Reynolds said the main goal at the Central School now was to "improve the kids attitudes toward school. The double sessions have been awful for that." The double sessions are expected to end in September with the completion of the new middle school at the Central School. This is the second year of double sessions, which started when the old southern wing of the school was condemned as structurally unsound.

Other than the recital of the guidance directors' duties, there was little mention of the college placement program for the high school, or a discussion of its success over the years.

The next committee forum will be held on April 12. It will be a discussion on the English curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 12. The English program came in for the greatest criticism of any program during the first two forums.

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LEE FIREMAN William DeFreest shows the Lee Fire Department's 1881 steamer to kindergartners from Lee Central School. DeFreest yesterday took

morning and afternoon kindergarten classes on their annual tour of the Lee fire station. More than 32 children attended the afternoon tour.

John S. Egan

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Mark Mitchell

SHAKING HANDS. Berkshire Community College President Jonathan Daube presents diploma to Madeline Snide, in wheelchair, at BCC graduation.

Town of Lee Delves Into Past Of General It Was Named After

By FLORENCE CONSOLATI

LEE—Who was Gen. Charles Lee? Was he a heel or a hero?

This small town in Massachusetts named for Lee, is trying to find out.

Celebration Planned

In 1977 a big celebration is planned on the anniversary of the Town of Lee's 200th birthday. But townspeople are working hard against time to try to establish the reputation of the man their small but thriving New England community was named for.

Because no one quite knows, it seems, whether Gen. Charles Lee was second only to Gen. George Washington in Revolutionary War strategy or whether he was a traitor to his country.

When the town was being incorporated back in 1777 the planners thought hard for a name. There were two final suggestions—the name of George Washington and the name of Gen. Charles Lee. The incorporators chose Lee. He later went down in history as a sort of non-conformist, whose out of the ordinary conduct in the end led to a charge of treason against him.

A committee was formed two years ago in the Town of Lee to study Lee's case. The members are now convinced he was a brilliant man, misunderstood by his generation and unhappily forced into a military spot that caused him his reputation.

Same Coat of Arms

The committee has come up with the fact that Lee and the later illustrious southern gentleman and glorious civil war hero, Robert E. Lee, both have the same coat of arms.

In espousing its cause, the committee has written to the historical publication, American Heritage, and to the New York Daily News. Heritage, in one issue reproduced Emanuel Leutze's long-lost painting of Washington cursing Lee at the Battle of Monmouth. The news had a letter some months later, also on the subject.

The committee wrote Heritage that the article was "A further extension of the unfair legend of General Lee." Heritage wrote the Lee committee in return. The magazine never claimed historical precision as one of the painter Leutze's virtues, the editors said.

The letter from Clarence Dohoney of Pittsfield, secretary of the Lee research committee, to the publications declared General Lee, from their studies was "a philosopher, an expert soldier and a lover of liberty" and stated testimony at his court martial was not enough proof of his guilt at Monmouth.



GEN. CHARLES LEE

and there, ending the Revolution.

Withdrew

However, Lee withdrew to firmer ground across the ravines. Washington, coming up close behind and not finding the Lee forces, "blew his top" as we would say today. Lee, expecting credit for extricating his army from a bad situation, resented the chastisement and demanded his own court martial. He was found guilty of disobedience. The Lee committee believes the fact he asked for the court martial proves he was innocent.

Gen Lee was no diplomat. He was a blunt outspoken soldier who said and wrote exactly what he thought. He created enemies and involved himself in several private duels. But he loved animals and even in war maneuvers had a couple of dogs at his heels. The Mohawks adopted him under the name "Spirit that never Sleeps."

Lee was "probably the homeliest man who ever donned a United States Army uniform," the committee finds. But they hope to prove handsome is as handsome does. Leutze's painting, and history, on the contrary, give Lee a good looking face and a bad reputation.

At the age of 11 Lee was a professional soldier who early took up the cause of the Colonists when they struck for freedom. He fought creditably under European experts, commanded by the British generals. Later his men faced these same commanders in the Revolution.

At Monmouth, Washington ordered Lee to attack as soon as the British Army moved from its encampment at Monmouth. The order, clearly discretionary, added "Unless there is some powerful reason to the contrary." Lee's men advanced with great difficulty through three wide, boggy ravines. There his troops were met by crack troops of British Gen. Clinton. Clinton, advised by Tories of Lee's movement, used seasoned British and Hessian veterans to outnumber three to two the Americans, many of whom were having their "baptism of fire." Clinton's plan was to trap Lee there in the ravines, wait for Washington's forces to attempt a rescue, and wipe out the entire Continental Army then

Until Lee's name is cleared, the historical aura of the little town, which has espoused his cause, also awaits its true illumination, the Gen. Charles Lee research committee feels.

The committee will continue to try to establish Charles Lee's innocence, hoping to have the general's name officially cleared in history. The reflected glory, they believe, will help to clear a kind of stigma that has gone with naming the town after the renegade. Most people think Lee is named for the handsome southern gentleman-hero general. Visitors have a definite reaction when they learn instead this interesting little South Berkshire town is named for a man they never heard of, who history says is a heel.

If Lee's General Charles Lee's name can be cleared, a national monument will be set up here to honor the man that the Town of Lee had the uncommon foresight to choose for its sake.

Tyringham appropriations

TYRINGHAM — Appropriations approved by Tyringham voters at their annual meeting Tuesday night were:		Highway equipment note	
Support of public schools	\$ 72,732	Highway Department tools	150
Support of public library	450	Principal and interest on Town Hall remodeling note	7,685
Snow and sand removal	7,000	Mental Health	194
Care of cemetery	1,000	Fire truck note	2,271
Bridges	1,000	Two plectron receivers, Fire Department	480
Compensation insurance	2,000	Available funds to improve town roads	14,039
Fire protection	3,000	Available funds to machinery maintenance	7,000
Town Counsel	500	Dog tax refund, library fines to library	117
Election of officers	350	Revenue sharing, principal and interest on fire truck note	2,618
Moderator	50	Available funds, generator hookup at Town hall	400
Selectmen chairman	600	Available funds, Fire Department gear purchase	1,457
Selectman clerk	400	Available funds, teacher retirement fund	1,200
Selectman member	350	Available funds, historical committee	600
Assessor Chairman	450	Available funds, operation of Community Post Office	6,000
Assessor clerk	550		
Assessor member	400		
School Committee chairman	150		
School Committee secretary	75		
School Committee member	75		
Auditor	100		
Animal Inspector	40		
Gas Inspector	50		
Tax Collector	600		
Treasurer	500		
Board of Registrars	100		
Wire Inspector	50		
Fire Warden	100		
Deputy Fire Warden	25		
Librarian	250		
Chief of Police	200		
Highway Dept. wages	21,000		
Tree planting	150		
Forest fires	150		
Memorial Day	100		
Miscellaneous	300		
Printing town reports	1,000		
Street lights	850		
Police expenses	300		
Tree Warden	200		
Dog Officer	50		
Athletic park, swimming area	800		
Town grounds, buildings	5,000		
Rent, care of landfill area	3,000		
Selectmen's expenses	1,200		
Bond of indemnity	50		
Reserve fund	5,000		
Insurance (general)	6,000		
Suppression of gypsy moth	200		
Removal, Dutch elm diseased trees	1,500		
Civil Defense	150		
Board of Health	200		
Dutch elm disease control	354		
Visiting Nurse Association	500		
Conservation expenses	75		
Vacation pay	600		
Assessor's expenses	1,800		
Town Clerk's expenses	325		
Treasurer's expenses	175		
Tax Collector's expenses	605		
Lee Ambulance Service	300		
Soldier Service	750		
Building Inspector	300		
Planning Board	75		
Construction, improvement of town roads	10,000		
Town's share, Berkshire County retirement system	2,097		
Medical, health insurance for town employees	2,000		
		Total	\$213,266

N. Adams plans library addition

NORTH ADAMS — The proposed \$1.4 million renovation and expansion of the Monument Square library, presented Tuesday night to the mayor and City Council, is not something that city residents should expect to see completed in the near future.

The project, as outlined Tuesday night, would include the construction of 6,000 feet of additional space behind the library building, which would house most of the books. The older part of the library would then be used for reading and exhibit rooms. Included in the plan are the addition of rest rooms and access to the facility for handicapped people.

Library Trustee Chairwoman Theresa Matrango said this morning that the objective of doing a feasibility study and presenting the results to the city officials was to try for an assurance that the library would have a chance at getting Economic Development Administration (EDA) or Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds somewhere down the road.

"We've seen so many other groups coming in and dipping into the honey pot. We felt the library has been giving good service here since 1896 (when it was donated to the city). We

just felt that it was time that it be given a priority like all these other projects," she said.

The first step, according to Mrs. Matrango, is to acquire the land behind the library on which any expansion of the building would be constructed. She said that the trustees have

spoken to the land's owners.

"As I see it I'm sure we'd have no problem (on acquiring the land)," she said, adding that she didn't know when other funding would be available for the rest of the project because of the city's other priorities.

The trustees got informal support from the mayor and council for the acquisition of the land by the use of endowment funds, but no definite commitment has been made.

Mrs. Matrango said that before that approval can be obtained, the trustees must submit the request for use of endowment funds to the city in writing. She expected that request to be submitted sometime later this week or next week.

"We just want to start people thinking about it," she said. "We're happy that we have gone this far. Nothing has ever been done to the library (except perhaps some painting and roofing). We want to keep the integrity of the building and maintain its beauty the way it is."



John S. Egan

LEE TOWN HALL gets facelift. Masonry work on the building's west and south walls includes removal of deteriorated mortar and application of fresh mortar between bricks. The work is expected to take another three weeks, according to I & M Mason Contractors of Lee, which has the \$5,959 contract for the project.

Wells named principal of Otis school

OTIS — G. David Wells, a 7th grade mathematics and science teacher at Lee Central School, has been named the new principal of Otis Consolidated School, Maurice J. Boulanger, superintendent of the Lee-Otis-Tyringham superintendency union announced this morning.

Wells, who is finishing his 11th year at Lee Central School, replaces current Otis School Principal George M. Etzel, who is retiring after 10 years at the school.

Wells, of 182 Laurel St., a Lee native, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton R. Wells of Margerie Street. Born in 1944, he attended Lee schools and graduated from Lee High School in 1962. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, with a major in biology and a minor in education. He has a master's degree in administration from Westfield State College.

Director of the Lee Summer School for the past six years, he is married to the former Jane Stutz. He and his wife have three children.

The Otis School Committee picked Wells as its top candidate after Etzel told the committee his retirement plans earlier this year.

In his new \$18,500-a-year position, Wells will be a teaching principal, dividing his time between instructing the 8th grade and administrative duties.

"This is an even greater challenge to me than teaching and directing summer school," Wells said. "I've visited the Otis School a number of times and I think it has good educational programs. I'm excited to be a part of it."

Wells said that he would probably continue to reside at his Laurel Street home and commute daily to Otis during his first year at the school.

Etzel, 62, first came to the Otis School in 1968 as a teacher. The following year he became principal and eighth grade teacher, positions which he has held since.

A native of Branford, Conn., he graduated from Yale University in 1938. After teaching



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G. David Wells

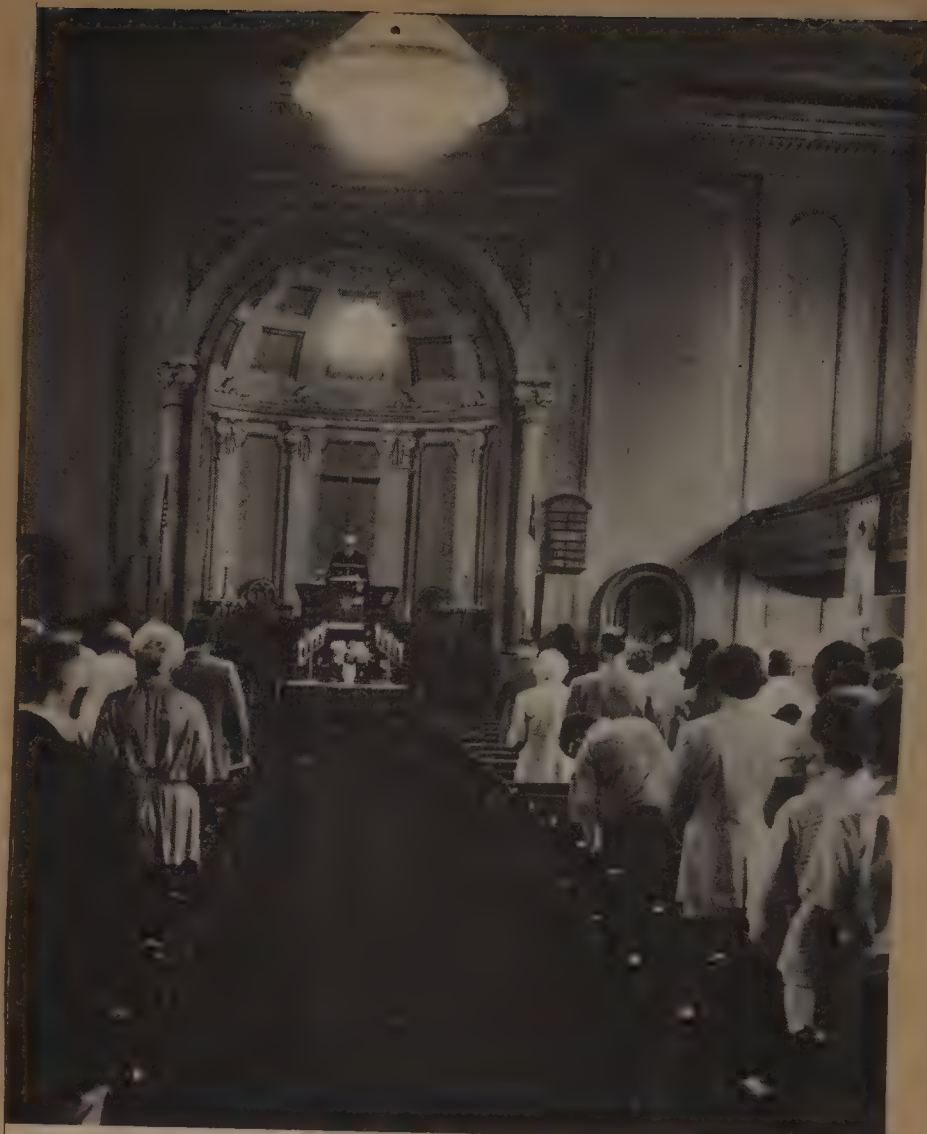
school in a New Haven suburb for one year, he worked as a designer at Pratt and Whitney from 1940-1942. He then served in the U.S. Army for four years, and was an Army interpreter in Germany. After the war, he worked for his family's lumber business, M. Etzel & Sons of New Haven.

Then in 1956 he accepted an offer of the principal's position at the Center School in Sandisfield. He moved to his family's summer home on Cold Spring Road in Sandisfield. He has lived in the 190-year-old house since.

While at the Sandisfield school, Etzel helped start a learn-to-ski program for students at Otis Ridge. Then Etzel became principal of the school at Otis and the program had two participating schools. The program marked its 20th season this winter.

Etzel, who is married to the former Margaret A. Burke, plans to spend much of his time on his 400-acre farm, where he practices one of his hobbies — trying to develop a disease-resistant variety of chestnut tree. He says he will also probably take some kind of part-time job.

"Not something as demanding as teaching," he said, "but something stimulating. I can't just sit around."



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Church of Lee

Mark Mitchell

Moderator blocks Lee vote on Foxhollow sewer linkup

By John S. Egan

LEE — Using the prerogative of his office, Moderator Henry M. Donahoe last night refused to allow special town meeting voters to act on a controversial warrant article which would have authorized the Department of Public Works to enter an agreement with the Center at Foxhollow on the linkage of a sewer line to the portion of the 285-acre property that lies in Lenox.

"I will not place the article before you," said Donahoe. "It's my opinion that you do not have any authority to authorize the Selectmen to enter any agreement on sewers in Lenox. I'm not passing over the article, I'm saying you can't act on it."

Center at Foxhollow owner Donald I. Altshuler has said that the linkage of a sewer line from the portion of his property which lies in Lee to the Lenox portion, where he plans to build 160 condominiums, is crucial to the Center. It would allow him to attract financing to build the 160 condominiums that would provide an influx of capital for the resort. He says he could solve a hotel-room shortage problem by building 72 hotel room units in Lee.

While Donahoe's decision to bypass the article spells a temporary setback to the Center's plans to get started on the sewer line and condominiums within the next year, Altshuler gained a small victory after the meeting had officially ended.

After approving 16 of 19 warrant items and then voting to dissolve the meeting, most of the 41 district representatives who attended stayed in their seats to hear Altshuler and attorney C. Jeffrey Cook outline the proposed development and sewer hookup. Then, in an advisory voice vote, the representatives expressed their wish that the Selectmen continue to negotiate with Altshuler on his proposal.

At the beginning of the post-meeting discussion, Donahoe explained that he had decided to shelve the warrant item because "we found that the town is only authorized under a special act to own and operate sewers within the town of Lee. It's different from the water act, which allows us to operate water lines in Lenox Dale."



John S. Egan

MODERATOR Henry M. Donahoe responds to question at Lee special town meeting. Donahoe refused to allow voters to act on proposed Center at Foxhollow sewer linkup at meeting last night, held at the Central School.

"There would be no problem extending a sewer to the portion of Foxhollow that lies in Lee," Donahoe said. "But there are only two ways to allow the handling of sewage from the main building and proposed condominiums, which lie in Lenox. One way would be through an act of the Legislature to give the town authority to provide sewage treatment from a line in Lenox. The other way would be through an agreement between the selectmen of Lee and Lenox. That would have to be approved by voters in both towns."

Unfolding a map of the 285-acre property that he has carried to a dozen hearings and meetings in Lee and Lenox over the past six months, Altshuler explained that the proposed de-

velopment of vacation-home condominiums in Lenox and 72 hotel units in Lee is "a plan to keep the business on the tax rolls."

"We put the Foxhollow property (a former school) back on the tax rolls," Altshuler said. "Before us it was non-profit. But we've only got 12 hotel rooms in the main building. We've got a lot of land carried by a very small business."

Altshuler said that many people already had expressed interest in purchasing condominiums, but that banks refused to extend credit for the project unless a line is installed. The proposed tie-in to Lee is necessary, he said, because soil conditions prohibit large-scale use of septic

systems and because there is no immediate possibility of hooking into the Lenox system.

Part of the proposed agreement, Altshuler said, would guarantee that as the 50 condominiums were sold, the "injection of capital" would be used to build hotel rooms in 24-unit clusters. Seventy-two hotel rooms would cost about \$2 million, he said, and would represent about \$113,000 a year to the town of Lee in property taxes.

Frank J. Kelly of Main Street questioned whether Altshuler could build additional condominiums, once the 160 units had been built. Altshuler replied, "We are limited in the Lenox portion to 160, because we have guaranteed that the rest of the land would remain open space."

Consultant Robert Hoogs outlined the Center's tentative agreement with the DPW. It calls for the Center to construct a 4,000-foot sewer line from Spring and Summer streets to its own property line at its own expense. The Center would then pay a user's fee for sewage coming from the Lenox portion of the property, based on the DPW's estimate of use. The Center would pay the town \$69,000 as a hookup fee, as its share of the original cost of the sewage treatment plant and also would pay its proportionate cost of future plant expansion.

Martin H. Deeley of Pease Terrace commented that "a lot of people think the plan as presented is pretty good, but we don't know who the future owners might be. Is there some way we could safeguard the plan?"

Attorney Jeffrey Cook said that the Center was prepared to enter a covenant with both the towns of Lee and Lenox that no more than 160 condominiums would be built, that a portion of the Lenox property would be reserved for open space, and that the average flow from the Lenox facilities would be no more than 48,500 gallons of daily.

Cook said after the meeting that the Center would meet with both Lee and Lenox selectmen to discuss an agreement between the two towns. He said he hoped to come back to a Lee special town meeting for a vote on the sewer line in one month.



John S. Egan

HIGH VIEW of Laurel Lake is yielded from the Pinnacle in Lee's Golden Hill Forest. The Conservation Commission has designated the Pinnacle as a wilder-

ness area. From the 1,270-foot-high vantage, a spectator can also see Monument Mountain and, on a clear day, the New York state ranges.

Lee Pinnacle given protection

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Conservation Commission this week announced the designation of 38 acres in the town's Golden Hill Forest as a wilderness area.

The principal part of the wilderness area is comprised of the Pinnacle, a rocky bluff in the 63-acre town forest that rises to an altitude of 1,270 feet. It is the first parcel of town property to receive the designation of a wilderness area, according to Conservation Commission Chairman William E. Powers.

The Pinnacle, an outcrop of metamorphic rock, offers a much-photographed western view of Laurel Lake, Monument Mountain and the New York state moun-

tain ranges. It harbors plant life and animal life now extinct in other parts of Lee, said Conservation Commission member Deidre Consolati. She described it as "a rare piece of land, the most unusual piece of land that belongs to the town."

The Lee landmark bears the same name as the Lenox Pinnacle off Routes 7 and 20, across from the Department of Public Works building.

The wilderness designation means that in the future the area will be restricted to passive use by local residents such as hiking and bird and animal study. Recreational vehicles have for some time been prohibited in all parts of Golden Hill Forest, Ms. Consolati said.

Woodcutting within the 38-acre wilderness area also is banned, but a woodcutting program sponsored by the commission will continue on the lower slopes of the forest, outside the wilderness area.

The Golden Hill Forest is bounded on the north by Golden Hill Road, on the east by a marsh that drains into the Housatonic River, on the south by Navin Heights and on the west by Route 20 and private property. Once a part of the George Westinghouse estate, which stretched from Golden Hill to Lenox Dale, the Pinnacle was deeded anonymously to the town in the 1930s.



John S. Egan

GIRL SCOUT MEDALLIONS designed by artist Norman Rockwell are displayed by Mildred Dulin, assistant librarian at the Lee Library. The limited edition issue will be on permanent display at the library.

Lee Library receives Girl Scout medallions

LEE — The Lee Library has received a set of the Norman Rockwell-designed medallions that depict the ideals of the Girl Scouts of America.

The dozen 1½ inch silver medals were issued last year by the Franklin (Pa.) Mint. The reverse side of each medal carries the words of one of the 12 tenets of the Girl Scout Law. Rockwell designed a scene for the face of each medallion to visually embody each of the tenets.

The models for Rockwell's illustrations were all Berkshire County Scouts.

Mrs. John Dolan presented the set of medallions to librarian Betty L. Dennis at a Girl Scout dinner last week. The medallions will be kept on permanent display in a glass case at the library.

Librarian defended

By HENRY FILAR
Union Bureau Chief

CHICOPEE — Mayor Howard W. Redfern Jr. Wednesday defended the appointment of a head librarian that will lead to the loss of \$25,000 in state aid for the city's public library system.

"I feel we have gained more than we have lost in reverting to home rule in the operation of our library system," declared Redfern.

He made this comment in the wake of the Board of Library Trustees' appointment of Mrs. Dolores Allen, acting librarian for the past three years, to the post of head librarian with a salary of approximately \$12,000.

Mrs. Allen has an associate's degree and has completed courses in library science at Westfield State College, but does not have a master's degree in library science required by the state.

The mayor defended the appointment after Ward 6 Alderman Mary Anne Minor complained at Tuesday's aldermanic meeting that the city will lose \$25,000 in state aid for the library because the head librarian does not have the required master's degree.

She said she was concerned by the action because she felt the city is not in a financial position to pass up such state aid.

He said trustees made the appointment after consulting him on its consequences.

"I agree they made the proper move because Mrs. Allen is highly qualified through the knowledge and experience she gained in 15 years in the library system," he declared.

"After reviewing the situation, I find the loss of state aid will not be that severe because we will save approximately \$23,000 by operating the system based on our knowledge of needs and not the dictates of the state."

Redfern said the state set hours, opened the library to everyone in the state, determined salaries and required 12 per cent of the total budget be spent for books.

He also said the state required a salary of \$18,000 for a head librarian, some \$6,000 more than what is paid Mrs. Allen.

Lee library displays popular music scores

LEE — The Lee Library will feature for the rest of the month a display of sheet music of popular songs from the late 1880s and early 1900s.

The items in the display are part of the collection of Charles F. Mattina of Lenox, an employee of the local Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp.

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LEE LIBRARY will get a new addition through a \$271,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The addition will be built on part of the parking lot on the north side of the building.

Lee gets \$271,000 for addition to library

LEE — U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte and U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke today announced that a \$271,000 grant has been awarded to the town of Lee for an addition to the library.

The award was made by the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which administers the grants for the Commerce Department. The grant became available through the 1977 amendment to the Public Works Act.

Lee first applied for \$700,000 for the library addition under Round 1 of funding under the 1976 Public Works Act. That application was turned down and the town reapplied for funds for a scaled-down version of the addition under this year's round of grants.

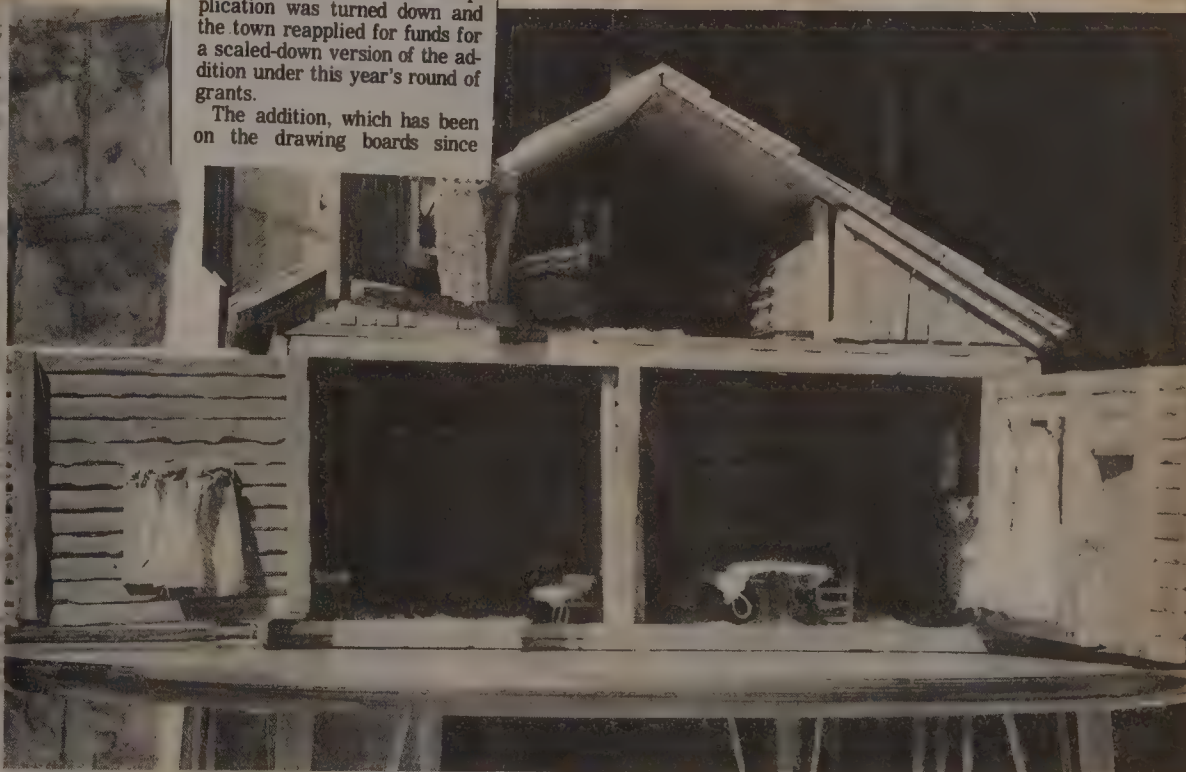
The addition, which has been on the drawing boards since

1963, will be built in part of the parking lot to the north of the present building. The addition will include a lecture room, reading rooms, stack space and public toilets, according to plans given to the Selectmen earlier this year by architect Norman G.A. Day of Lenox.

Town meeting representatives had to vote twice in approving

the grant application since officials were unsure that a 1976 vote was still valid for the 1977 amendment to the Public Works Act.

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DOLLHOUSE project of the Lee Central School's housebuilding class will be on display at the Lee Li-

brary on Main Street for the next several weeks. Nineteen students participated.

Lee Library exhibits student-built dollhouse

LEE — Fourteen members of the Central School's housebuilding project will have a handmade dollhouse, their project for the year, on display at the Lee Library for the next several weeks.

The three-room house, which is completely furnished, is located in the library's main foyer.

Student members of the project were Birgundy Bove, Scott

Perry, John McIntosh, Timothy Laudon, Frank McIntosh, Philip Audet, Michael Denley, Peter Salice, Mark Febbriello, Susan Walker, Jane Walker, Tim Gaul, John Heath and Paul Robinson. Assisting were Scott Jones, Joe Kickery, Tim LePrevost and Tony Stumbaugh.

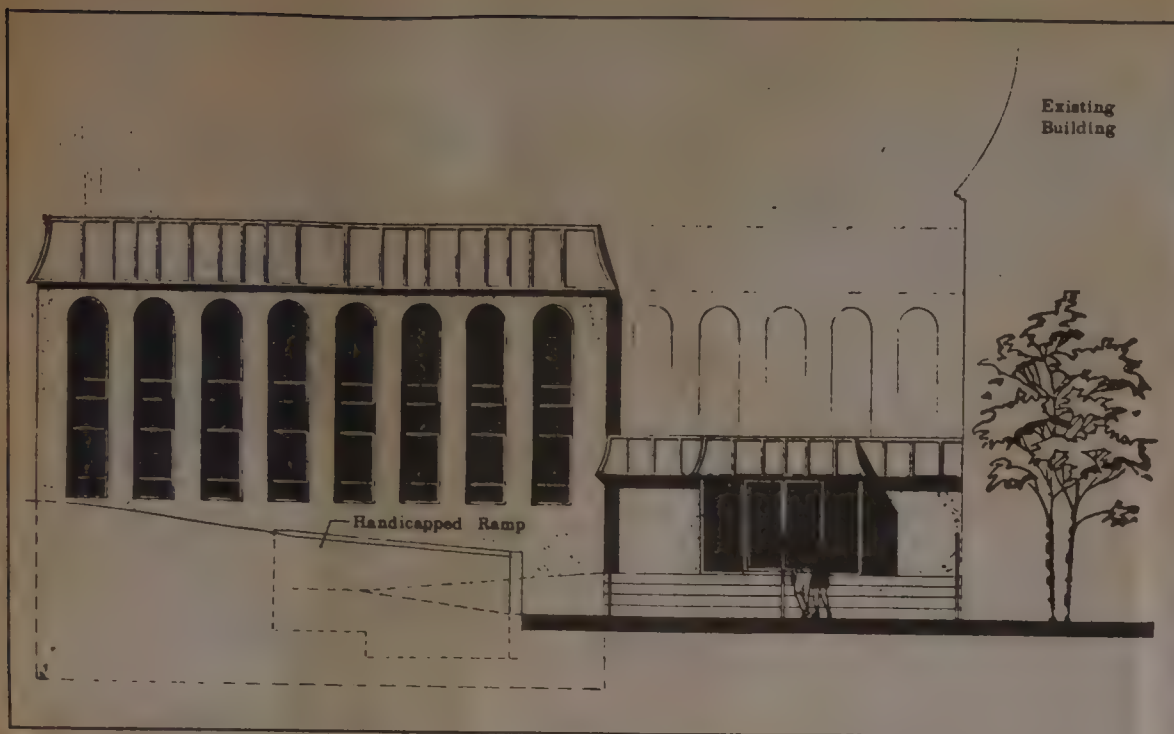
Aid and assistance were provided by the Lee Hardware Store, Lee Lumber Co., Robert Tierney and William Chisholm.

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NORTH VIEW of proposed \$694,000 addition to North Adams library.

In North Adams

\$1.41 million library rehab proposed

By Robert M. McDonough

NORTH ADAMS — A feasibility report on a proposed \$1.41 million renovation and addition for the public library was unveiled yesterday by the library's trustees and received a warm reception from Mayor Joseph R. Bianco.

The large-scale improvements to the former Blackinton mansion on the corner of Church and East Main streets are just preliminary plans at this stage, and the mayor said any such plans will be contingent upon federal funding for the project.

The ambitious project, prepared free by Castellucci, Galli Associates of Providence, R.I., calls for \$472,500 in renovations to the existing 107-year-old structure and \$694,000 for a two-story expansion next to the mansion on East Main Street. The proposed project would increase the library's space from 16,800 square feet to 22,800 square feet and would increase the capacity from 65,000 volumes to 100,000.

"Upon completion, this library facility would be one of the finest in Berkshire County, with a capacity for housing over 100,000 books, space for conference rooms, offices, a lecture hall, music areas and some educational facilities," the study said.

Theresa C. Matrango, chairman of the library's trustees, said the trustees are presenting the plan to the mayor and City Council so that if federal grants become available, "they'll have these plans which we hope will get a number one priority."

Mrs. Matrango said the trustees hope to combine the facility as a museum as well as library.

Mayor Bianco said he was optimistic that a third round of federal Public Works Employment Act grants would be made available by the Economic Development Administration by "the summer of next year."

The mayor said the only capital outlay by the city would be the possible eminent domain acquisition of two properties east of the library where the addition would be built. That cost, the mayor said, would be between \$42,000 and \$45,000.

A spokesman for Congressman Silvio O. Conte, R-Pittsfield, said yesterday, however, that there has been little talk in Washington, D.C., about a third round of federal EDA grants, and that probably none would be available as early as the mayor expects. One of the factors influencing that decision, the spokesman said, would be the level of unemployment in the country at the time.

Bianco said the project stands "an excellent chance" for funding because "as



Robert M. McDonough

EXISTING LIBRARY in North Adams at the corner of Church and East Main streets would be renovated at a cost of \$472,500 under proposal unveiled yesterday.

long as the unemployment level is up, the government will try to create jobs."

The city may actually incur no expense, even for the property taking, because, Mrs. Matrango said, the library has \$83,000 that can be used for such purposes. That money was given to the library through endowments, she said.

"This would be more than a library," the mayor said. "It would be a cultural center of North Adams and the whole area." He said he was pleased that the plans have been completed, because "the people who are going to get funded are the people with plans laying on the shelves who can quickly adapt them."

According to the recommendations from the consultant, the new addition would be 58 by 43 feet. It would include on its first floor a 157-seat lecture hall, courtyard, lounge, work area, reading area, library office and section for rare books and paintings. The second floor would include several book stacks, two small lecture rooms, a conference room and a music and listening area.

The report also lists several pages of recommendations for renovation of the mansion, including general painting and cleaning, a new roof, facilities for the handicapped, an elevator, upgrading of plumbing and heating facilities, installation of air conditioning, ceiling replacement, new electrical wiring, a fire

alarm system and more extinguishers, installation of a television monitoring system and installation of a fireproof vault.

The plans, Mrs. Matrango said, would be variable depending on the amount of funding that would be made available.

The Castellucci, Galli study also looked into the alternative of building a new library in the downtown urban renewal site, but recommended against that proposal. The reasons for the recommendation were that the cost would be more than \$2 million, would make the downtown tract less attractive to potential developers, and because a historical building like the Blackinton mansion should be restored.

Mrs. Matrango said if the project is approved, there will be no disruption of library services. She said the new addition will be built first, and all services moved there, and then the renovation to the mansion would be started. She said the renovation would take longer than construction of the new addition.

The plans also call for an additional 28 parking spaces at the library.

The mansion, which combines Renaissance, Gothic, Byzantine and Baroque architectural styling, was built in 1870 by Sanford Blackinton, then donated to the city by Mayor Albert C. Houghton in memory of his brother in 1896.

Our Berkshires



Libraries: endangered species?

By Katharine H. Annin

RICHMOND

ON THE worst day of the blizzard last week, both the U.S. Postal Service, R.F.D., and the *Berkshire Eagle* delivery truck, to their credit, managed to deposit communications in their respective boxes at the foot of my driveway. By coincidence, each left me reading matter on the same subject, namely the sad plight of libraries today, yet no two articles could have offered a greater contrast.

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The beautifully written and touching column in *The Eagle* by Martha Nelson, until recently librarian of the small public library in Goshen, N.H., population circa 600, lamented the decline of an interest in books. The town of Goshen appropriates \$2,000 a year and the Friends of the Library raise further funds to keep it going. But people don't have time to read anymore, Mrs. Nelson says, and there was talk of cutting down the number of hours the library is open. She fears that like so many good things in our culture that have quietly vanished, libraries may soon disappear.

One ray of hope came to Mrs. Nelson when a little girl left the library happily laden with books she had chosen solely because the cards in the back of them showed they had rarely been borrowed, or not at all. She felt sorry for these volumes and took them home to read. Mrs. Nelson does not consider this the best reason for taking out a book, but says it is not a bad reason, either, and she thinks if more people came to the library — if only out of pity for lonely books — it might lead to most anything.

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The other article that attracted my attention that stormy day was about a library at the opposite end of the spectrum, Princeton University's prestigious Firestone Library, which is magnificently housed in a fairly new building and has an annual budget between \$6-\$7 million to depend on. Unlike the Goshen, N.H., library, it is not lack of customers that is leading to its decline, for a college community provides practically a captive clientele of students, faculty, researchers and scholars whose pursuits depend on vast numbers of books and periodicals in order to keep abreast of research in their various fields of study.

Yet the cost of necessary material has risen in the last five years more sharply than almost any other commodity except oil. The average cost of scholarly journals has climbed 117 percent from 1970 to 1976. In 1975-76 the library had exhausted its allocation for the year during the first six months, and still only 40 percent of the faculty felt that adequate

amounts of material had been provided.

Certain departments in Princeton feel the pinch more than others. The humanities and social sciences, including Near Eastern, Russian and East Asian studies (which certainly seem pertinent in today's world) have suffered more than the natural sciences and engineering in which technology and research have forged ahead so rapidly. Schemes for borrowing between universities, use of microfilmed material, automated circulation systems and other devices are being considered and experimented with, but the librarian has just resigned because there is no agreement as to how the difficulties should be dealt with.

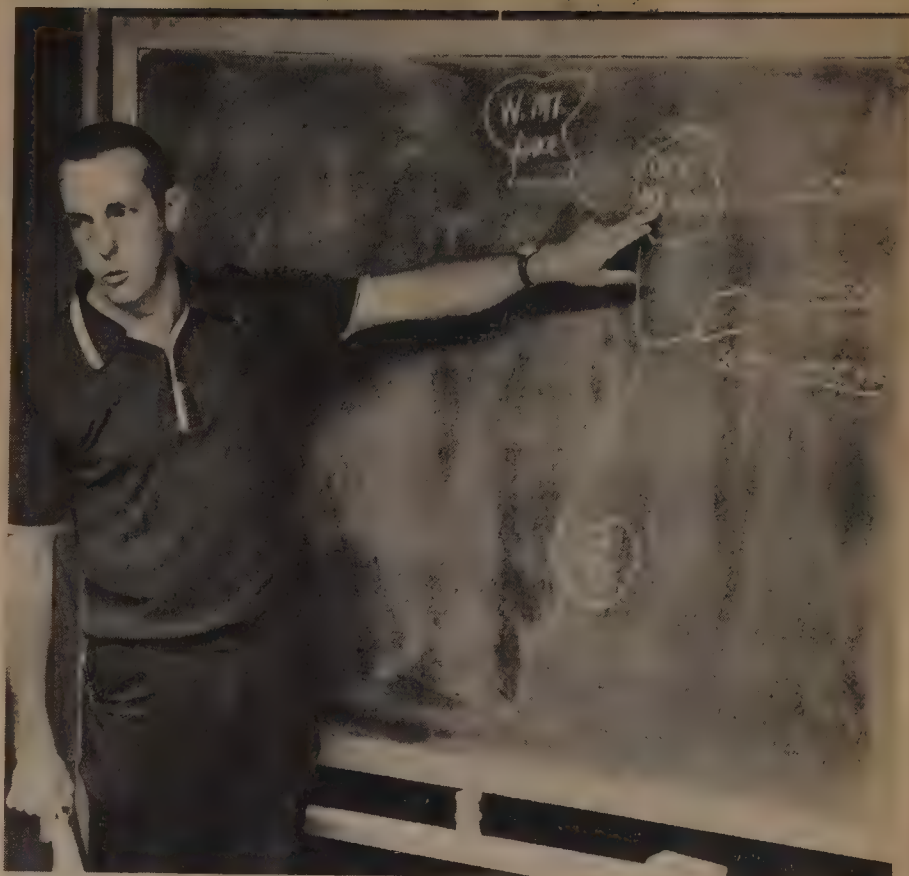
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Most libraries across the land of course fall somewhere between Goshen and Princeton in size, but the escalating price of books is bound to hit all of them. I happened to be in on a discussion between the music librarians of the Berkshire Athenaeum and the Lenox Library in which utter consternation was expressed over the \$850 price tag announced by the publishers of a new edition of Grove's "Dictionary of Music and Musicians." Since before 1900 this has been a standard reference book, a "must" for every library with any pretension of a respectable reference department, whether or not in a musically oriented region like the Berkshires. Twenty-five years ago, it was a nine-volume work costing \$127.50. The revised and updated edition coming out next year has 20 volumes and will be more indispensable than ever, but its purchase will inevitably require cutting out many other desirable items.

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Public libraries supported by public funds feel themselves obligated to supply something for everyone and, as mentioned by Pittsfield's librarian, Robert Newman, in a recent news story about the Berkshire Athenaeum, they try their best to fill the requests of their patrons. But book budgets are not the only part of libraries' expenses now in trouble. Inflation affects also salaries, maintenance, heat and light. And, shockingly, the unprecedented increase in loss and theft of books is felt everywhere.

In Massachusetts, libraries that spend at least 20 percent of their total funds on books and other circulation material are eligible for state aid. This help, along with interlibrary-loan opportunities and the visits of our splendid regional bookmobiles, is what keeps our public libraries going. But stop and think, as the heading on Mrs. Nelson's column put it, "What if libraries became extinct?"



John S. Egan

OUTLINING PLANS to pay for additional water supply for the town of Lee from the Washington Mountain Brook Watershed Project is J. Peter Scolforo, superintendent of the Lee Department of Public Works. Blackboard shows proposed lakes.

Plan is outlined in Lee to pay extra water costs

LEE — After months of discussion and studies of the proposed Washington Mountain Brook Watershed project as a solution to this town's projected water needs, Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo last night unveiled a plan to pay for the additional water from the project by increasing the average homeowner's annual water bill by \$20 over the next 25 years.

The plan, which drew a favorable reaction from Selectmen is the first to specifically outline this town's proposed commitment to the version of the Washington Mountain Brook project which emphasizes water supply over recreational and flood control benefits.

Last month the Lee Selectmen sent a letter to the Water Resources Commission and the federal Soil Conservation Service (SCS) endorsing the alternative version of the project which increases water supply benefits to meet Lee's projected water needs to the year 2020. That version would supply Lee with an additional 1.75 million gallons daily and includes an extra supply of 750,000 gallons daily that could be sold to Lenox.

As unveiled at a Selectmen's meeting last night, the plan to pay for the additional water would cost Lee \$1.229 million. That includes building a pipeline from Schoolhouse Lake and October Mountain Lake to the Lee Reservoir and raising the dam at Schoolhouse Lake to increase water supply there.

The additional 2.25 million gallons of water that would pour into the reservoir from the two lakes each day would be untreated. Engineers cannot determine whether the construction of a \$3 million treatment plant is necessary until the two impoundments have been built, Scolforo said. High water quality would rule out the necessity of building a treatment plant.

The development of a specific plan to pay for additional water from the project was in response to requests from the SCS and Water Resources Commission that the town make a formal funding commitment.

While any local funding of the pipeline and purchase of additional water from the project

would have to be authorized by a town meeting vote, the Selectmen are expected to be asked to sign a working agreement at a meeting with SCS and Water Resources Commission officials tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall.

That meeting is to receive public comment on an environmental impact statement for the stalled three-lake project. The impact statement is currently being reviewed. Phillip Christensen, assistant state conservationist in the SCS Amherst office, and Richard E. Kendall, co-chairman of the Water Resources Commission, will be at the meeting. There will be a preliminary discussion of the project between local and state and federal sponsors at 11 a.m.

"The cost of running the pipeline from the two reservoirs is \$682,000," Scolforo said. "We always knew we would build a pipeline. What's changed from the original plan is \$547,000 for raising the height of Schoolhouse Dam and buying additional water rights there. The total expenditure of \$1.229 million will give us an additional 2.25 million gallons daily — a terrific amount of extra water."

"Since this is part of the water system, we wanted to come up with a plan to pay for it, without going to the taxpayers and increasing the tax rate," he said.

According to the DPW plan, the town first would commit itself to the \$547,000 expenditure for Schoolhouse Dam. The Water Department budget would increase from \$110,000 a year to \$157,000 a year for the next five years. This would result in the average homeowner's water bill increasing from \$40 to \$50 annually.

Then in 1984, the town would begin to pay for the \$682,000 pipeline. The Water Department budget would increase to about \$190,000 annually and water bills would increase by another \$10.

The Selectmen applauded the DPW plan to fund the additional water without increasing the tax rate. "You've got my blessing," said Selectman Lena Bettega. Pulling out his wallet, Selectman John E. DeVarenes offered, "You want my \$10 now, Pete?"



HONORED — Helen Papp who will retire Feb. 1 after 15 years on the staff of Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown, was honored at a reception Sunday afternoon by Friends of the library. Rachel Farrington, who will

replace her as head librarian, handed her laudatory messages. From left: Mrs Farrington and Mrs. Papp. (T-T Photo: Sherer)

Trustees name head librarian in Barrington

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GREAT BARRINGTON — The library trustees have named Marlene Drew to fill the newly created position of head librarian at both the Mason Library here and the Ramsdell Public

Library in Housatonic. The appointment is effective July 1. Miss Drew, who has worked at the library since May 1976, was appointed head librarian there in January 1977. She holds a bachelor of science degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven, and since joining the library staff here, has obtained a Massachusetts

certificate of professional librarianship.

Miss Drew says she is interested in having the Friends of the Mason Library become a moving force in the modernization of the facilities at both libraries. The next meeting of Friends will be held July 11 at 10:30 in the children's room at the Mason Library. All interested persons are welcome.



Kevin Knobloch
Rosemary Schneyer
Named head librarian

Mrs. Ezequelle resigns at Stockbridge Library

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STOCKBRIDGE — Nell Ezequelle, head librarian at the Stockbridge library for more than five years, has submitted her resignation to the trustees of the library association.

Mrs. Ezequelle said today she is leaving the post, effective Aug. 31, to assume full-time duties at a dairy farm she and her husband, Jonathan A. Ezequelle, recently purchased in Alford.

A successor to Mrs. Ezequelle has not been chosen, according to Frieda Bell, president of the library trustees.

Mrs. Ezequelle was appointed head librarian in January of

1973 to succeed Eleanor J. Dusenbury, who had served in that post for 30 years.

Prior to her appointment as head librarian, Mrs. Ezequelle was assistant librarian for three years. She has also worked at the elementary school library and the Free Library in Pawling, N.Y.

Her husband is an elementary school teacher in the Berkshire Hills Regional School District.

Mrs. Ezequelle, the former Nell Roeder, attended Goucher College in Townson, Md., and graduated from the Oak Grove School in Vassalboro, Maine. She has lived much of her life in Glendale.

Ms. Schneyer heads Stockbridge library

STOCKBRIDGE — The trustees of the library association have named Rosemary Schneyer of Glendale Middle Road as head librarian.

Mrs. Schneyer's succeeds Nell Ezequelle, whose resignation becomes effective July 31.

A graduate of Castleton State College in Castleton, Vt., Mrs. Schneyer, 29, has worked as a librarian at the Stockbridge library for the last five years.

Both she and her husband, Donald, a special-education teacher for the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, were born in Stockbridge and have spent most of their lives here. They make their home in Glendale.

"I would like to keep the library's warm and friendly atmosphere," Mrs. Schneyer said. The library's cooperative program with students and staff of the Plain School also will continue, she said.

The trustees also announced Theresa Baldassarre will continue on the staff.

Mrs. Ezequelle said when she announced her resignation that she was leaving to assume full-time duties at a dairy farm she and her husband, Jonathan A. Ezequelle, recently purchased in Alford.

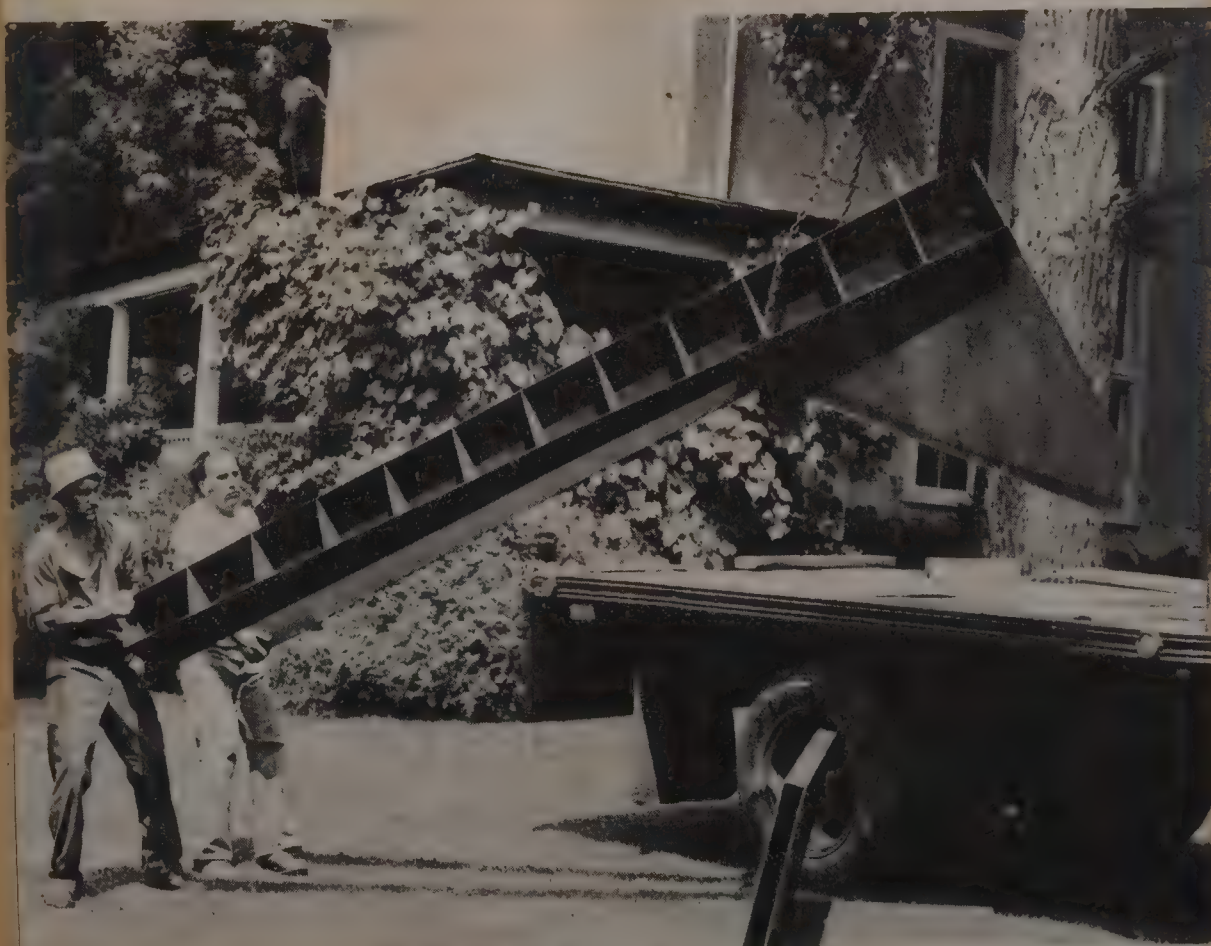
In 1973 she had succeeded Eleanor J. Dusenbury, who had served as head librarian for 30 years.



Joel Librizzi

Roadside refreshment

Twelve-year-old Tara Librizzi helps her niece, Havah Zarvis, 4, get a drink at the watering trough on Tyringham Road in Lee.



Kevin Knobloch

SCULPTURE entitled "Tajin," part of the "Outdoor Sculptors of the Berkshires" exhibit at Chesterwood, is removed by crane from a truck by Gerard Blache, left, a grounds assistant, and William Jackson, a local sculptor. The piece was created by Canaan, Conn., art-

ist Evan Stoller from Cor-ten steel and will be displayed with the work of 24 other local sculptors at the summer estate of sculptor Daniel Chester French beginning Saturday.

State DPW suspends Lee bypass study

LEE — The state Department of Public Works has suspended all activity on studies for a proposed westerly Route 20 bypass for Lee, Dean P. Amidon, district highway engineer, said in a recent letter to the Selectmen.

The decision followed the town's 945-466 vote against the bypass and a decision by the Selectmen to shelve any local activity on the bypass studies, pending the outcome of the countywide transportation study now being made under the sponsorship of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

The Selectmen had sent a letter to the state DPW which noted the results of the May 15 vote on the non-binding referendum question. The board received a response from Amidon this week.

"As a result of your decision to await the results of the transportation study, we will defer our activity beyond work in relation to the study."

DPW studies of possible "concept" routes for a bypass were initiated after the state Legislature in June 1975 and May 1977 enacted resolves directing the DPW to do the work.

Amidon's letter also noted that "efforts toward the replacement of the Center Street (Route 20) bridge over the Housatonic will continue. That project remains active and a high priority."

The DPW announced in a legal notice last week that it would submit an Environmental Notification Form on the proposed reconstruction of the 53-year-old bridge to Secretary of Environmental Affairs Evelyn F. Murphy on July 7.

The DPW, which has not yet started design of a replacement structure, is considering either tearing down the present bridge

and erecting a new structure in its place or building a new bridge to one side of the existing one.

Amidon said yesterday that the moratorium on bypass planning also would include a cessation of any planning to reconstruct Laurel Street. The widening of Laurel Street to three lanes has been considered in traffic studies as an alterna-

tive to building a downtown bypass.

"We are going to have to do something about the traffic," he said. "I could foresee that improvement of Route 20 from the new bridge up Laurel Street to the bypass might be necessary. That plan would include widening the road for a truck-climbing lane. But we'll wait and see what the study recommends."

Lee board to wait a year before naming police chief

LEE — The Selectmen will probably have to wait about one year before they name a permanent chief for the Lee Police Department, Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said today. Murphy and the other Selectmen had returned from a meeting yesterday with Civil Service administrators in Boston.

Civil Service, which holds two examinations for police chiefs yearly, plans to hold an exam next January or February, Murphy said. Grading and processing results could take another three or four months, Murphy said. Murphy was told that the examination could be opened to statewide applicants or restricted to resident applicants.

There will be a police chief's examination in August, but Murphy said that the Selectmen would prefer to wait until after the January test before calling for a Civil Service list.

"We'd like to give all potential applicants ample opportunity to get ready first," Murphy said. "There are quite a few questions on the test. I don't think that taking a list from the August test would be fair."

Morale problem

When asked whether a year's wait before naming a permanent chief might cause morale problems for the department, Murphy said, "I don't see any problems with the wait. As long as everything is under control it won't hurt. And everything seems to be running smoothly."

The Lee police have been without an active permanent chief since former Chief John J.

Boyne suffered a heart attack last Oct. 21. Officer Adelard J. LaLiberte served as acting chief from late last fall to Jan. 30, when he retired. Officer Edward J. Finnegan has been the force's acting chief since then.

The force, which consists of five officers in addition to acting Chief Finnegan, also has two openings for patrolmen. Murphy said that the Selectmen were

told they could either call for a Civil Service list that was restricted to resident applicants or one that was open to statewide applicants.

Murphy said the Selectmen would probably wait until after a November Civil Service test for patrolmen before calling for a list to fill the two open positions.

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Carol Cioe

BUSY BRANCH of the Lee Savings Bank in Stockbridge has relocated into new, larger quarters after 3½ years in cramped space in the Old Town Hall. The

bright interior features more teller space, safe deposit boxes and a drive-up window.

Lee Savings expands branch unit

Tellers, parking added in Stockbridge move

By Carol Cioe

STOCKBRIDGE — The bright new Elm Street branch of the Lee Savings Bank will officially open today, with a reception and open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The office has moved from cramped quarters in the Old Town Hall on Main Street into the modern Abdalla Building, where it shares the first floor with Abdalla's Liquors, a discount spirits store.

The new office is more than double the size of the former location, according to branch manager Kathy A. Naventi of Lee.

Miss Naventi said the office also boasts a safe deposit vault with 105 boxes and a drive-in

window, features missing in the old office, and four inside teller windows, as opposed to two at the previous location.

While parking was a "grab whatever you can" proposition on Main Street, the new office has at least 20 parking spaces in front and back of the building, she said.

The 1,000-square-foot office, designed by the Bank Building Corp. and built by Ronald J. Nickerson Inc. of Stockbridge, is set on a 45-degree angle to de-emphasize the long, narrow space and create a more intimate atmosphere.

Miss Naventi said that, except for the bathrooms, "there is not one square space in the office." Even the bank's computer is triangular.

The stark red and beige interior is a sharp contrast to the soft blue and white colonial Williamsburg design of the bank's main office in Lee.

The branch office has beige, almost white, textured walls and a bright red carpet and is furnished in a conglomeration of antique reproductions that marketing manager Peter W. Brown of Pittsfield said are supposed to evoke the atmosphere of an old-time bank.

Most of the furniture, deacon's benches and captain's chairs, are in the early American style and, along with the tellers' counter, are finished in a walnut wood tone.

Philodendrons and other greenery are strategically placed to break up the simple color scheme.

The design is carried through to the manager's office, which Miss Naventi said is missing the most important chair — hers — and to the new accounts desk, another "first" in the office.

A vestibule in the front of the building will someday be outfitted with a 24-hour teller window, Brown said.

The bank will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 to 6:30 on Friday. The bank also will be open for business today.

Miss Naventi said that about 10 percent of the total deposits in the Lee Bank are from Stockbridge residents. The branch has generated \$8 million in new accounts since it opened here 3½ years ago, with about \$2 million of that amount strictly

from Stockbridge depositors, she added.

The bank officials said they planned to relocate since October 1974, when they opened the branch bank on Main Street.

"We considered that an interim move," said Brown, who preceded Miss Naventi as branch manager. "We originally wanted a larger office with a drive-in window, but we took that site just to get into town — if we didn't move in within a year we would lose the approval of the state Banking Commission to open."

"As soon as we moved in there we started looking for another office," Miss Naventi added.

The bank's move into town three years ago aroused some controversy because bank officials had planned to locate the branch in a residentially zoned area and asked for a variance from the Board of Appeals. The variance was denied.

The recent move also has generated some controversy. The latest flap involves an awning that the bank wants to install over the drive-in window. Again, a variance from the zoning regulations is required because the awning violates setback requirements. The Planning Board has yet to rule on the request, but last week scolded bank officials for not recognizing the problem sooner, namely before they moved in.

Brown said the drive-in window will operate with or without the awning. "We'll just have to hope it doesn't rain."

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Banker from scratch

LEE — The key to turning a bank without desks or chairs or even a permanent safe into a multi-million dollar institution in less than seven years, according to William J. Napolitano, is service.

Napolitano, the new president and chief operating officer of Lee National Bank, was the founding president of the New England Bank and Trust Co. of Enfield, Conn. Since it started in 1971, that institution had grown to show assets of \$18 million on Dec. 30 of last year.

A man with a wealth of diverse banking experience, Napolitano was selected by a search committee late last fall to succeed retiring President Frank P. Consolati as head of the 144-year-old Lee bank. He was elected president at a Jan. 24 annual meeting of the board of directors and assumed active duties in Lee a couple of weeks ago.

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Now ensconced in his office just off the lobby at Lee National, Napolitano makes it clear that he welcomes the consumer in search of a small loan as much as the big investor. Friendly and self-effacing, he scoffs at the idea that he did anything extraordinary while presiding over the Enfield bank's rapid growth.

"The bank grew because we offered the individual attention," he said. "We used the same philosophy that I've found here at Lee National. The office is open to everyone. The large bank would rather make one \$100,000 loan. We'd just as soon make 10 \$10,000 loans."

Napolitano, 46, a native of Lawrence, was offered the presidency of the Enfield bank after serving as vice president of the Litchfield (Conn.) County Bank, which he had joined in 1962. Starting a bank was a challenge, he recalled with humor.

"It was an experience," he said. "I was in on the hiring of the employees, the planning and design of the bank — everything. We were supposed to open our office in the Enfield Mall but we couldn't get in, because construction of



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Napolitano: Drives old Thunderbirds

the mall was still going on. So we got permission to start a temporary office in a wooden building near the mall.

"For two months that was our headquarters," he said. "We didn't have desks, we were almost sitting on crates. Our windows were alarmed but there was almost no protection. We didn't even have a safe. Through the cooperation of other banks, our depositors used other banks' night-deposit boxes until we moved into the new building."

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A 1953 graduate of Bentley College, Napolitano served in the U.S. Navy for the two following years. Traveling worldwide on aircraft carriers was a "tremendous education." When he came back to Lawrence after his tour of duty, he found that he had "traveled too much and was too restless" to settle down at

the bank he had worked for part time as a high school student.

A position as a national bank examiner opened up, and he jumped at the opportunity. For seven years he crisscrossed New England, working out of the Boston Reserve District, examining banks. While he eventually got tired of living in motels from Monday through Friday week after week, he credits the experience as the foundation of his knowledge of banking.

"You learn there are vast differences between the operations of one bank and another," he said. "It's the most valuable training I can think of for anyone who really wants to understand banking. The curious thing is that when I started, one of the first banks I examined was Lee National, never thinking someday I might be president."

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Married to the former Althea Smith of Methuen and the father of three daughters, Napolitano is still commuting daily from his home in Somers, Conn., to Lee and back because he wants his children to finish the school year before he moves the family to the area. He and his wife are now looking for a house in either Lee, Lenox or Stockbridge.

Active in civic work in Enfield and president of Johnson Memorial Hospital there, Napolitano says he looks forward to joining in community activities here. He has already accepted an offer to become a member of the finance committee of the Lee Visiting Nurse Association and expects to slowly take on other involvements.

His hobbies are woodworking, restoring and driving old Thunderbirds, and searching out good restaurants. He said he thought he would enjoy pursuing the latter two activities in the Berkshires.

"There's nothing that's better than putting the top down on the car and going for a drive at night in the summer," he said. "I think I'm going to like being up here."

Lee DPW official reinstated Had been fired for attending regional meeting

By John S. Egan

LEE — Reversing a stand taken six weeks ago, the Selectmen last night reinstated George C. Wheeler of Fairview Street to the board of the Department of Public Works for one year. Wheeler was fired from the DPW board April 17 for attending a Pittsfield meeting on water regionalization, against the wishes of the Selectmen.

The vote to appoint Wheeler to the one-year term was 2-1, with Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy and Selectman John E. DeVarennes voting with the majority and Selectman Lena D. Bettiga dissenting.

Murphy and Mrs. Bettiga had voted with former Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova to remove Wheeler from the board for his attendance of a March 29 meeting on water regionalization in Pittsfield Mayor Brindle's office. Castronova, speaking for the board at the time, said that Wheeler had defied "the wishes of the Selectmen in attending the March 29 meeting" after the town had

taken the stand that it "would not get involved in any regional plans."

The DPW board, which had voted to send Wheeler to the meeting as a representative, on May 1 asked the Selectmen in a letter to reappoint Wheeler. The letter criticized the Selectmen for taking action against "the (DPW) board's agent" without first consulting the DPW board.

Castronova, whose term expired May 15 and who was succeeded by DeVarennes, told the DPW that the Selectmen would not reappoint Wheeler because "we made a decision and we're going to stick by it."

Reversal explained

Last night Murphy explained the reversal of his stand on the firing:

"I studied this thing quite a bit," he said. "I felt as though Wheeler did something wrong by going against the board's wish in attending the meeting. But on the other hand, I felt we should consider the DPW's recommendation that we reappoint him be-

cause he was a very efficient and capable board member."

"I felt as though we have the right to change our minds," he said, "and a right to change our stands."

DeVarennes said he thought the Selectmen "were wrong in restricting the DPW from going to the meeting."

"I think if we appoint a board, then that board should have the freedom to seek any information it needs," he said. "And we shouldn't interfere with the boards unless they do something to the detriment of the town. Then they will have to answer to the town and the Selectmen."

Mrs. Bettiga was adamant in her opposition to Wheeler's reinstatement. "I didn't vote for him," she said, because he "went against the town's position and the wishes of the board."

Besides appointing Wheeler to a one-year term on the DPW board, the Selectmen also appointed John T. Hughes of Summer Street for one year and



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George C. Wheeler

Frederic Warden III for three years. The Selectmen reappointed David M. Parker of West Road for three years.

The other DPW board members are Peter Fraser, Wilbur Hunt Jr. and James P. Crerar.

163 seniors are graduated in Lee

LEE — As a light rain fell outside, some 800 people gathered Saturday afternoon at the Shed at Tanglewood in Lenox to witness 163 seniors receive their diplomas at the Lee High School graduation.

The rain failed to dampen the spirits of the class of 1978, which Principal Robert Lucy characterized as one of the brightest classes ever to attend the high school.

"For the first time in the school's history, we have 21 students graduating with A- or better averages," said Lucy. "This is the best record we've had academically since I've been at the school."

This year's seniors were responsible for another graduation "first." All of the 33 members of the National Honor Society wore gold sashes over the black commencement gowns. The sashes were purchased by the class and donated to the school, so that National Honor Society members of future graduating classes can wear them at commencement exercises.

After the procession, the invocation was delivered by the Rev. James J. Scahill, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Lee. Then the three top-ranked seniors — Kathleen Wellspeak, Laura Dalheim and Glenn Van Orman — addressed the gathering.

In her speech "Discovery," Miss Dalheim discussed the wisdom of accepting changes in life.

"With each change comes a new discovery," she said. "During my years in Lee I have learned how to learn. And what will last won't just be facts. What will last is the moment of exhilaration over something understood."

Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger noted in his remarks that "democracy thrives on periodic renewal" and spoke of his "abiding faith in you young people." He said he was confident that the graduating seniors would "face future crises and solve them."

Principal Lucy gave each of the top 10 graduates a gold statuette, which was inscribed "For academic achievement." Receiving the statuettes were, in order of class ranking, Miss Wellspeak, Miss Dalheim, Glenn Van Orman, Deborah Geiger, Christine Lorette, Matthew Glomb, Jane Buratto, Mary Gaudette, Susan Baker and Kathy Williams.

Scholarships

A total of \$13,917 in scholarships was awarded to 43 seniors Saturday. The graduates and their scholarships were Karen Anderson, Bruce Stevenson Memorial; David Arment, Ardella Donnell Award; Susan Baker, Student Council in memory of James I. Brown and French Club; Kathy Boynton, Berkshire Medical Center and Band Parents; William Bradbury, Abner Rice Memorial, Frank Consolati and Berkshire County Hockey

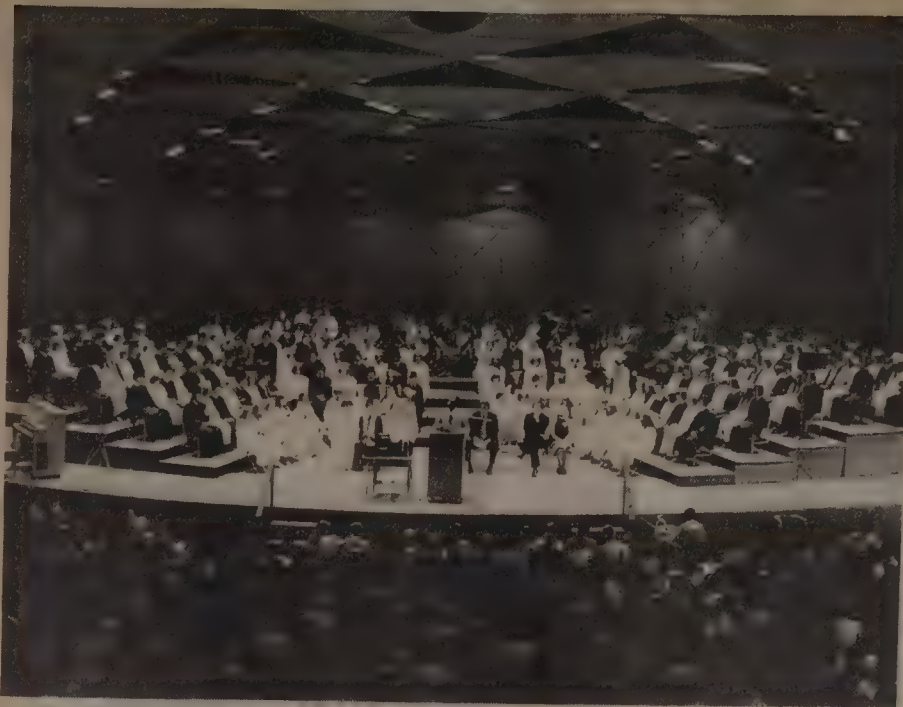
Coaches; Maureen Brighenti, Alan Wurtzbach Memorial; Maureen Brown, Berkshire Community College; Dan Bundy, East Lee Friends in memory of Steven Walker and Kevin Cahalan; Jane Buratto, Adams Super Market, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Sons of Italy, Marconi Lodge of Sons of Italy and Lee Theatre Players in memory of Cora Carrington.

Also, Christopher Casey, Otis PTO; Michael Cibelli, soccer scholarship in memory of Steven Walker; Terrie Clark, Lee Kiwanis Club; Kelly Collins, March of Dimes and Berkshire Medical Center; Laurie Dalheim, Lee Lime Corp., Lee High School Drama Club and French Club; Ann Dallaire, Arthur Delson Memorial Award; James Dunn, Michael Baluk Memorial; Thomas Fresia, class of 1978 in memory of Steven Walker; Mary Gaudette, Band Parents; Deborah Geiger, Northeastern University Merit, Otis Kiwanis, Otis PTO and French Club; Matthew Glomb, class of 1978 in memory of Peter Chiorgno, and Julie Gore, Women's Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Bossidy-Crerar Post.

Other graduates receiving scholarships were Charles Hunter, Alan Wurtzbach Memorial; Karen Hiser, Local 264 of Clark-Aiken Co.; Sheila Hughes, Frank Consolati; James Lee, Lee Kiwanis Club; Christine Lorette, Michael Whalen Memorial; Lisa Loring, Student Council in memory of James I. Brown; Linda Lucchese, Eugenio Bonafin Award; Donna Mooney, Adams Super Market and Lee High School Booster Club in memory of Ray Dignard; James Plankey, Lee Band Parents in memory of Mrs. Jane Wilkinson; Mary Plankey, East Lee Civic Association in memory of Edward Gage and Olive Cordner and Lee Band Parents in memory of Mrs. Jane Wilkinson; Anne Renaud, Local 264 of Clark-Aiken Co.; Jeffrey Rock, Lee High Art Club; Scott San Jurjo, Band Parents, Lee Lions Club and Lee High Drama Club; Paul Scarpa, Lee Education Association in memory of Arthur Welcome; Nancy Scolforo, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts Sons of Italy and French Club, and Kevin Sullivan, Michael Baluk Memorial.

Other scholarship recipients were Joy Sundee, Otis PTO and Otis Kiwanis Club; Glenn Van Orman, Lee Lime Corp. and Lee High School Quiz Team; Nancy Vecchia, Morning Star chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; Kathleen Wellspeak, Lee Lime Corp., Lee Band Parents Club and French Club; Kathy Williams, Adams Super Market, Lee High School Quiz Team and French Club, and Sandra Wolfe, Lee Kiwanis Club.

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GRADUATES of Lee High School listen as Superintendent Maurice J. Boulanger addresses the commencement crowd gathered at the Shed at Tanglewood. The ceremony was held Saturday afternoon. One hundred sixty three seniors graduated.

Graduates

Debra Ann Alter	Thomas M. Fresia	David H. Niedzienski
Karen Marie Andersen	Laurie Lynne Frulla	Kathleen M. O'Leary
Daniel J. Arment	Heidi Marie Furcinite	Kevin F. Palmer
James Arnsperger	Mary A. Gage	Sharon Marie Pannozzo
George H. Bagnaschi, Jr.	Mary Theresa Gaudette	Elizabeth Marie Parker
Susan Adele Baker	Deborah Ann Geiger	Nancy B. Pease
Lynn Barr	Jeanne Marie Giarolo	Hugh C. Pecon, Jr.
Susan Marie Bartini	Matthew J. Glomb	Douglas Peltier
Mary Jayne Beckwith	Holly Marie Goodrich	Deborah Marie Perry
Cynthia Lee Bertelli	Julie Marie Gore	James E. Plankey
Cynthia Ann Biasin	Janice E. Greiner	Mary Madeline Plankey
Betsy Bliss	Mark Steven Griffin	Robin Lynn Portieri
Joanne B. Boyne	Leslie Ann Guerin	Linda Deats Prince
Kathy Ellen Boynton	Kimberlee Anne Hart	Anne R. Renaud
William Henry Bradbury	Lisa C. Haywood	Richard J. Richard
Maureen Marie Brighenti	John William Herbert III	Jeffrey Joseph Rock
Maureen Ellen Brown	Rhonda Dee Herman	Kraig Merle Rowe
James Buffoni	Karen L. Hiser	William Frederick Rowley
Daniel G. Bundy	Sheila Marie Hughes	David W. Ryan
Jane Marie Buratto	Elizabeth A. Humeston	Richard Alan Salinetti
Judith Ann Cahalan	Charles H. Hunter, Jr.	Scott Christopher San Jurjo
Christopher B. Casey	Christine Marie Ingegni	James Travis Santolin
Janice Ann Castegnaro	William Richard Ingram	Debra Jeanne Scapin
Laura A. Castronova	Christine M. Johnson	Linda Marie Scapin
Robert Cheney	Jeffrey Keenan	Paul John Scarpa
Michael J. Cibelli	Katherine Ellen Kelley	Peter J. Scaramuzzi
Christina M. Clark	Kim Elizabeth Kelly	Nancy Ann Scolforo
Kerry L. Clark	Susan L. Kneuer	Ellen D. Somerville
Terrie Lee Clark	Robin G. LaBier	David Staats
Kimberley Ann Coffey	Keith A. Larson	Susan Ann Stohr
Kelly Ann Collins	Pauline M. Laudon	Matthew R. Stone
Kerry Ann Collins	Sally L. Lawrence	Kevin Sullivan
Peter D. Collins	Mary E. Leahey	Joy Ellen Sunde
Linda Lee Coty	Wayne D. LeClair	Mary Catherine Thomas
Jeff Cozzaglio	James Michael Lee	Douglas H. Tierney
Timothy M. A. Crandall	Austin Liebenow	Kenneth Tierney
Ron Cuene	Bryan J. Loran	Patrick Kevin Toomey
Denise Marie Curtin	Christine A. Lorette	Michael A. Touponce
Robert J. Daley	Lisa Ann Loring	Dennis Christopher Tucker
Laura Jane Dalheim	Richard Lee Loring	James Winthrop Turner
Ann Marie Dallaire	Donald G. Lovato	Katherine M. Turner
Patricia J. DeFreest	Ronald Lovato	Raymond Edward Turner
Mark S. Dobson	Linda L. Lucchese	G. Glenn Van Orman
Sharon Lynne Driscoll	Michael J. Lyng	Nancy Ann Vecchia
Mary Jo Drumm	James K. MacDonald	Katherine A. Wellspeak
James David Dunn	Cynthia Ann MacFarlane	John Wezevitz
Jayne T. Dunn	Marianne McGlone	P. Steven Weslowski
Everett R. Fennelly	Charles G. McNally	Donald E. Whalen
Michele Allyn Ferrelli	Lynn Ann McLaughlin	Diane Kathryn Whitaker
Ronald W. Fillio	Kathie C. Mitchell	Kathy Ann Williams
Delphia Ann Foley	Judith Faye Monachina	Beth Ellen Wilson
Thomas J. Forbes	Donna J. Mooney	Sandra Leigh Wolfe
Myron Edward Ford	Michael Moretz	Robert A. Woodruff
Nancy L. Foster	Brian Edward Murray	
Peter D. Fraser, Jr.	Aimee Lou Mushroe	



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STEEPLE of the First Congregational Church of Lee, right, is slowly losing pieces of its exterior sheathing, according to J. Douglas Quinn, at left. Quinn, a profes-

sional steeplejack, stands in the steeple belfry holding a piece of wood that came loose after infiltrating rain rusted its nails.

Lee church steeple needs stitches

By John S. Egan

LEE — The 195-foot steeple of the First Congregational Church here is slowly coming apart at the seams, according to a professional steeplejack who was called in to examine the structure yesterday.

The spire of the 120-year-old church, built of double-planked pine, isn't going to deteriorate overnight, according to J. Douglas Quinn, president of Skyline Engineers Inc. But over the years, rain water has worked its way under layers of paint to rust many nails that anchor the steeple's exterior layer of sheathing. If nothing is done,

the problem could worsen, Quinn says.

The Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor, said that in the past year more than a dozen pieces of wood have come loose from the steeple's facade and fallen to the ground. On Thursday, Mr. Ryan will travel to Boston to

meet with the Governor's State Planning Committee, the New England Society for the Preservation of Antiquities and the Massachusetts Historical Society to discuss possible funding sources for the steeple's restoration.

Complete restoration would involve reanchoring each piece of wood in the steeple with brass screws, replacing any warped or rotted exterior pieces, covering the aprons below the belfry and wash tables below the steeple's peak with lead-coated copper flashing, and a complete painting and re-scrapping, according to Quinn.

Cost \$20,000

Seven years ago Quinn completed restoration of the steeple's interior. Yesterday, after a climb to the belfry and an examination of pieces that have sheared from the steeple, Quinn said he would prepare an estimate of the proposed exterior restoration before the Thursday meeting. The Adirondack

Steeple Co. has estimated that the work would cost "about \$20,000," Mr. Ryan said.

"The wood itself is solid," Quinn said. "But the old cut iron nails have deteriorated. Possibly the original paint is what has let go and allowed the water in. Then the snow and ice gets in and the boards come out. For every board that comes off this year, 10 may fall off next year, if nothing is done. In the case of steeples, a stitch in time really does save nine."

The steeple, acknowledged as one of the tallest in New England, is the most slender of any steeples of its height, according to Mr. Ryan. A snug fitting of all structural pieces was critical in the steeple's design, Quinn said.

"There are tremendous wind pressures at the top of the steeple that put strain on the whole structure," Quinn said. "The whole steeple moves in a heavy wind. It may be an infinitesimal part of an inch. But you do this over 120 years and the boards start to work loose a bit."

Mr. Ryan said that a request for state or federal assistance in the restoration of the church's steeple may be combined with a proposed \$15,000 restoration of the interior walls of the church sanctuary. Linda K. Tucker, a consultant for the Society of New England Antiquities, has been supervising a trial restoration of one portion of the walls, removing water stains and sealing cracks in the plaster.

The interior walls and ceiling of the sanctuary were painted in 1858 by German artisans with stencils that give the appearance of three-dimensional panels, a system of interior design that today is rarely seen or done.

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Lee's Chief Boyne exonerated

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Police Chief John J. Boyne was officially exonerated by the Selectmen last night for his actions during a May 21 incident that involved the arrest of four people.

The four people had charged Boyne with harassment, assault and battery and intoxication during the early morning incident at the Park Plaza Shopping Center. A hearing on the charges was held last Wednesday. The three who brought the charges — Donald Walker, David Bliss and Craig Cook — did not testify at the hearing on the advice of their lawyer because their cases are still in court.

The Selectmen indicated in informal statements after last week's hearing that they would absolve Boyne, and last

night's statement was expected.

The board's statement, drafted by Chairman Joseph J. Castronova and approved last night by William Murphy and Maria D. Bettega, concluded:

"It is the unanimous vote and conclusion of this board that Chief Boyne acted in the line of duty and the allegations of excessive force and drunkenness are unfounded."

The Selectmen noted that the three men did not testify last week, and that all eight witnesses who did testify said Boyne appeared sober and "their comments were that there was not any smell of alcoholic beverage on Chief Boyne."

On the charges of Boyne using excessive force in making the arrests on May 21, the Selectmen said that Officers James Holian and Adelard Laliberte were the only ones to testify at the hear-

ing. The Selectmen noted that "their comments were that Chief Boyne did not use any force which was not reasonable and proper in pursuing his duties as a law enforcement officer."

In reaching their decision, the Selectmen denied a request by the lawyer for the three, Kermit Goodman of Pittsfield, that the charges be withdrawn without prejudice so that they could be filed again after the court cases are cleared up.

In a decision reached June 27 in Lee District Court, Judge John J. Dwyer found Bliss and Walker guilty of being disorderly persons and sentenced them to 30 days in the Berkshire County House of Corrections. Both appealed their decisions to a 6-man jury. Cook was placed on informal probation until Dec. 27 on a charge of being a disorderly person.



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PLEADING for the dedication of the Airolodi Office Building on Railroad Street to Lee's senior citizens is Dominic Biasin of Pleasant Street, standing. Watching are Council on Aging members George Bushey, center, and the Rev. Walter S. Ryan. The council met with the Selectmen last night to discuss mutual problems.

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ACCUSERS of Lee Police Chief John J. Boyne sit in the first row during last night's Town Hall hearing. From left are Donald Walker, Atty. Kermit S. Goodman, David Bliss and Craig Cook. Boyne is in the second row between Goodman and Bliss. Boyne's at-

torney, David O. Burbank is on Boyne's left with hand on head. Lee District Court Probation Officer Paul R. Collins sits on right side. The three accused Boyne of assault and battery, harassment and being drunk during a May 21 incident.

3 accusers of Lee police chief remain silent during hearing

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Citing the fact that they have cases pending in court, the three men who accused Police Chief John J. Boyne of harassment, assault and battery, and being drunk on the morning of May 21 chose to remain silent last night at a town hearing into their charges.

But Boyne and his attorney, David O. Burbank of Pittsfield, used the opportunity to solicit testimony from eight witnesses who said Boyne acted in proper conduct as a police officer and was sober on the morning of May 21.

Boyne's three accusers — Donald Walker, 24, of Forest Street, David Bliss, 24, of Main Street, and Craig Cook, 20, of Olive Street — were all tried Monday on charges of being disorderly persons on the morning of May 21 at about 6 a.m. Walker and Bliss were found guilty and sentenced to 30 days at the Berkshire County House of Correction and Cook was placed on informal probation until Dec. 27 by Judge John J. Dwyer. Walker and Bliss have appealed their

convictions to a six-man District Court jury.

The May 21 incident, involving a scuffle between Walker and Boyne, Boyne having to use physical force to place Bliss under arrest, and cursing at the chief by the three men. Boyne filed charges against the three men and Kathleen Toomey, 19, of Cliffwood Street on May 21. The three men filed the charges against Boyne at the Selectmen's meeting on May 23.

The Selectmen held last night's hearing, which was open at Boyne's request, to determine whether to proceed with charges against Boyne under the Civil Service Commission regulations. Although the board said it would issue a formal ruling at its next meeting on Wednesday, the individual Selectmen's comments after the hearing left little doubt which way they will rule.

"We can't let this thing drag on," said Chairman Joseph J. Castronova after the meeting, as Maria D. Bettega and William M. Murphy nodded agree-

ment. The hearing, which lasted about 30 minutes and was attended by about 30 people who filed into the Town Hall's second floor meeting room.

It was apparent from the outset that the testimony against Boyne would not be given last night. Atty. Kermit S. Goodman of Pittsfield, appointed by the court to represent Bliss in the District Court case and who served as the three men's counsel last night, said he had advised the three to make no "oral or written statements because the case is under appeal."

Goodman said that while "we have no desire to put Chief Boyne through an exhaustive, nerve-racking and protracted procedure on these charges, we contemplate a jury trial and something in the media could prejudice our clients or Chief Boyne."

While again saying that "We have no desire to see Chief Boyne live through what must surely be an episodic nightmare," Goodman asked that the charges be withdrawn for the time being without prejudice, meaning the three men could again have the charges heard when the appeal process is completed.

Town Counsel James P. Donohy advised against that approach, telling the Selectmen the next six-man jury session is

clouded by the fact that the three men's cases are still pending in District Court.

While there was no testimony Monday indicating that Boyne had been drinking on the morning of May 21, a direct question by Goodman to witness Jeffrey Cuen about whether Boyne appeared to be drunk was ruled out of order by Dwyer. There were no other direct questions on the subject.

Silence no admission

Following the inclusion of the statements, Goodman said the statements "tend to refute my clients' charges. They did not testify because of the advice of counsel and their silence is not an admission of guilt."

That brought an angry retort from Burbank, Boyne's attorney. "These three are attempting to have it both ways," Burbank said. "They make serious allegations and then hide behind a veil of constitutionality because of a criminal trial. They asked for this hearing, and the charges are a very serious matter for a man who has dedicated his life to the service of the Town of Lee. These charges against Chief Boyne end up in the newspapers, but we have had no proof or testimony on these charges. Yet this man has been tortured before the community he serves. They have the right to sit behind the veil of continuing litigation, but they don't have the right to sit here without Chief Boyne having the opportunity to refute the charges," Burbank said.

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Dedication scheduled for seniors' center

LEE — The room at the Air-
oldi Office Building on Railroad
Street that will serve as the
center for the town's senior citi-
zens will be dedicated tomor-
row. The center will be open for
inspection at noon, the formal
dedication ceremonies will be-
gin at 2 and festivities will con-
tinue in the evening with square
dancing.

Tours of the center will be led
by Council on Aging coordinator
Helen Mouglin, COA Chairman
William O'Brien and members of
the Lee Golden Age Club, who
will be in colonial garb.

The official dedication will be-
gin with an invocation by the
Rev. Walter S. Ryan, the pastor
of the First Congregational
Church and a leader of the
town's senior citizens activities.

Invitations have been sent to
Congressman Silvio O. Conte,
State Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick
and other local town and state
officials.

Other portions of the program
will include the reading of a
poem written for the occasion
by Emily Smith, a past presi-
dent of the Golden Agers. Other
past presidents of the club will

be introduced.

A discussion of the town's his-
tory will be led by Frank Kelly,
the chairman of the town's Bi-
centennial History Committee.

Throughout the afternoon, re-
freshments will be served by a
committee under the direction
of Fran Stracuzzi and Dominick
Biasin. A bicentennial quilt de-
picting 21 scenes of the town
will be displayed. An exhibition
of crafts made by Rose Larivee
will be set up, and Mrs. Larivee
will play the accordion along
with Anna Millet.

The evening activities will be-
gin at 8, with Lester J. Clarke
of South Lee showing his slides
of the town. Dancing to the mu-
sic of Ray Sexton and Pitts-
field's Senior Citizens Orchestra
will follow. Betty Mihovan will
be the group's vocalist.

The public is invited to at-
tend.



First-Nighters

Well-dressed patrons of the Berkshire Playhouse mingle outside prior to the opening-night curtain, some perhaps recalling similar events 50 years ago.

L. Perkins
J. Plant

Pizza parlor plan filed in Lee

3/8/77

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Peter Constantopoulos
last night submitted a prelimi-
nary plan for a 50-seat pizza
restaurant in the A.J. Maley
house at the corner of Main and
Academy streets, and there ap-
pears to be nothing disgruntled
neighbors can do to stop him.

By submitting a preliminary
plan last night, Constantopoulos
will be allowed to change the
house under the provisions gov-
erning a business zone. The
neighbors have submitted a pe-
tition to change Main Street and
adjoining streets to a residential
area. Constantopoulos would
have been forced to adhere to
the provisions of a residential
zone if he had submitted his
permit after the first public
hearing on the zoning change
and the change was eventually
approved.

Under the provisions outlined
by Constantopoulos last night,
the permit will actually be filed

under Maley's name, with Con-
stantopoulos listed as manager.
But Constantopoulos said he has
an option to buy the property,
and expects to do so on or about
May 1.

Few exterior changes

In a letter to the Selectmen
and Planning Board, Con-
stantopoulos said he had "en-
tered into an agreement to pur-
chase" the Maley house and
that his "intentions are to estab-
lish and maintain a restaurant
and two apartments." He also
said he planned to build a drive-
way to the property on Main
Street and pave over the yard to
provide 21 parking spaces.

He added that he "does not
intend to apply for any type of
liquor license."

Constantopoulos, meeting with
the Planning Board, said he did
not plan to change the exterior
of the 100-year-old house, except
"to perhaps do something with
the porch."

He said the interior changes,
for which he must have the per-
mit, would create a 50-seat res-
taurant on the first floor of the
house and two apartments on
the second floor.

Selectman Joseph J. Castro-
nova, acting as chairman be-
cause Martin H. Deely was ill,
said he wanted the town's
Board of Public Works and
Traffic Commission to review
the plans for the driveway to
access the traffic flow onto
Main Street.

The four residents of Aca-
demy and Main streets who
have led the move for a zoning
change — Mr. and Mrs. Donald
Durocher and Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas Cinella — met last
night with the Selectmen and
Planning Board to review their
petition.

Pursue zone change

Despite some talk last week
of extending the area for the
zone change, the residents said

last night they wanted to rezone
from business to residential
multiple use, the east side of
Main Street from Academy to
Ferncliff streets; Academy
Street; the west side of High
Street from Center to Park
streets and the south side of
Ferncliff Street from Main to
High streets. That was their
original proposal submitted two
weeks ago on a petition with 17
signatures.

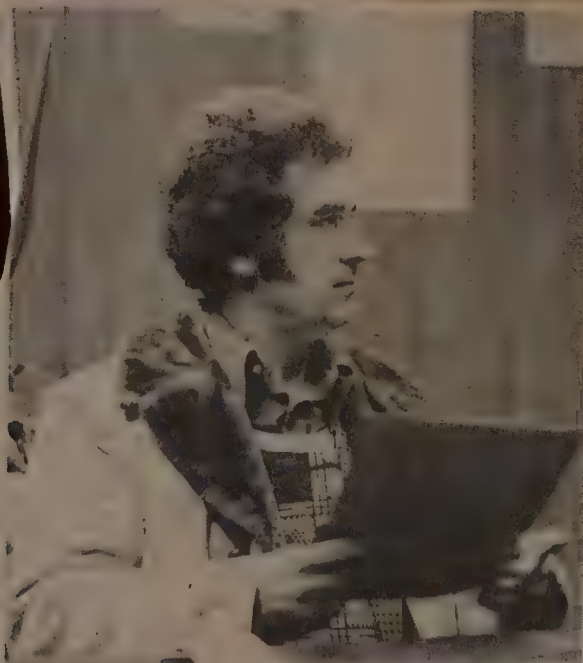
The Durochers and Cinellas
said last night they wanted to
pursue the zone change for the
streets despite the probability
that the pizza parlor will open.

Planning Board Chairman Jon
E. Larson pledged last night to
"pursue your request and work
with you on this."

The board now has 65 days to
hold a public hearing. Larson
indicated last night that the
process would involve careful
study of the neighborhood and
the implications of the zone
change. The board must submit
a recommendation to a town
meeting 21 days after the public
hearing. The town meeting then
has six months to act.

The next town meeting will be
the annual one scheduled for
May 12, which is 64 days from
now. Larson said last night he
didn't know if the board would
be able to submit a recommen-
dation in time to get it on the
warrant for the town meeting.
The warrant usually closes sev-
eral weeks before the town
meeting.

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LEE PIZZA SHOP owner Peter Constantopoulos.

in November, and that the case
could be continued until next
May.

The Selectmen ruled the hear-
ing should proceed, and Bliss,
Cook and Walker all said they
would not testify on the advice
of their counsel.

Records introduced

Dohoney introduced into the
record portions of investigative
reports on the incident from
Asst. Dist. Atty. William R.
Flynn and State Police Det. Lt.
Milo Brown. Both said their in-
vestigations revealed Boyne ac-
ted properly and recommended
that the case against Boyne be
closed. A letter from District
Court Judge John J. Dwyer
read into the record said "The
court found Chief John J. Boyne
acted completely within his au-
thority and duty in attempting
to maintain the peace and acted
with reasonable restraint. Any

Boyne then testified he was
not drunk or under the influence
of any medication during the in-
cident, and his eight witnesses
backed up his statements. Four
eyewitnesses to the incident
said Boyne acted with proper
restraint during the incident.

Boyne also said that he had
been "accused of using physical
brutality in making the arrests,
and I did use physical force.
But it was reasonable and prop-
er physical force. If the same
situation arose tomorrow morn-
ing I would do nothing different
and I would expect no less of
any other police officer."

The Selectmen will announce
their decision Wednesday on
whether to dismiss the charges
for the time being until the
court cases are completed, or to
exonerate Boyne permanently
of the charges filed by Walker,
Bliss and Cook.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

OWNER OF SEAFOOD MARKET building Mario P. Tristany.

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Sale

Foreclosure may clear way for Lee marble quarrying

By John S. Egan

LEE — A foreclosure action against the bankrupt company that operated this town's now-defunct marble quarry may clear the way for work to resume there under new management, Canadian stonecutter Domenico Ferrara said this morning.

The 17-acre property and associated buildings have been owned since 1971 by Arthur Weiss & Sons of New York City, which operated the quarry under the name of Lee White Marble Co. After months of postponements because of bankruptcy actions against members of the Weiss family, the Nycon Capital Corp. last month foreclosed on a \$200,000 second mortgage on the property from Lee White Marble Co. The foreclosure was entered at the Registry of Deeds July 6.

Option to buy

Ferrara, who owns Giacomo & Duro Stone Ltd. in Montreal, holds a lease with option to buy the property from Nycon. Ferrara's local business, Lee Marble Co., has been able to do some limited quarrying at the site. The company recently supplied the marble facing for the new addition to the Lee Library.

Ferrara says he has been trying to buy the property for the past two years. Delays in the foreclosure proceedings and the

bankruptcy actions against the Weiss family have hampered his operations at the site.

Saws removed

The gang saws in the quarry's corrugated steel finishing building were removed by Nycon or by other creditors. To make rough cuts of marble blocks for the Lee Library facing, Ferrara was forced to ship Lee marble to his Montreal plant, where the cuts were made, and then back to Lee.

The foreclosure clears the property, buildings and remaining equipment from all liens

which had been filed against the bankrupt Lee White Marble Co.

Ferrara said this morning from Montreal that he would visit the Lee marble quarry next week and would announce whether he now intends to buy the Marble Street property.

Trinity Church chooses parishioner of the year

LENOX — Mrs. H. George Wilde of Highlawn Farm, Lee, was named parishioner of the year at the annual meeting of Trinity Parish last month.

The parishioner-of-the-year designation was established in 1972 to honor the person "who, in the opinion of the rector and vestry has most effectively advanced the life and work of the Lord in this parish."

The Rev. Robert S.S. Whitman, said that Mrs. Wilde is a loyal and devoted member of the church.

The annual meeting, which was attended by about 60 parishioners, followed a covered-dish supper organized by Mrs. Edward V. Knight.

A budget of \$69,429 was approved. The budget represents an increase of \$7,635 over last year.

Harold Felton and Edward V. Knight were re-elected to one-year terms as senior and junior wardens, respectively. Richard A. Billetter was re-elected to a one-year term as treasurer and Vernon Jarvis was renamed clerk of the parish for a one-year term.

Elected to three-year terms on the vestry were Kenneth Bemis, Richard Hardy and Lt. Col. Mitchell Mulholland. Fred R. Street was elected to a two-year term on the vestry to replace Don Lear, who has moved to North Carolina.

Mrs. Charles Allen, Knight and Mrs. Fred Street were elected to one-year terms as delegates to the diocesan convention and the South Berkshire Deanery.

Reports were heard from Mr.



Mrs. H. George Wilde

Whitman and the church's various organizations; the ecumenical church school, the Trinity Craft Guild, the Altar Guild, the youth group and the music department.

In his report, Mr. Whitman said that there has been a steady but slow growth in attendance at services and Communion. He also noted that St. Helena's Chapel in New Lenox is functioning as a diocesan mission for the first time.

The chapel is still funded partly by Trinity Parish and is still legally part of it, but is now being supervised by the bishop of the diocese, Mr. Whitman said. This is the first step toward independence for St. Helena's Chapel.



WAITING for their bucket to fill with water from Cold Spring in Lee are John F. Touhey and to his right, brother William R. Touhey, both of Lee. Inez Peron of Lee waits her turn. Scene was common during Lee water shutdown yesterday.

Surface water pollutes spring

LEE — A deteriorated intake box that allows surface water to mix with the water from Cold Spring on Tyringham Road is responsible for high coliform counts at the spring, Tri-Town Board of health technician William S. Enser said yesterday.

In the wake of yesterday's break in the Lee water main, the Tri-Town Board of Health issued an order for residents to boil all water from the town system and all water taken from Cold Spring and Glendale Spring on Route 183 in Stockbridge. That order remains in effect until further notice.

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Because Cold Spring has long been known locally as a source of potable water, droves of thirsty Lee residents carried cans and buckets to the spring. Next to a pipe that spews spring water, the board of health had posted a sign which warned that all water taken from the spring should be boiled for 20 minutes before drinking.

Despite the warning, or perhaps from force of habit, many persons leaned over and drank water from a spigot as their cans and buckets filled.

"The water should not be consumed before boiling," Enser emphasized yesterday. "The coliform counts determined by tests in June were 78 parts of coliform for each 100 milliliter (ml.) of water at Cold Spring and 10 parts per 100 ml. of water at Glendale Spring."

The state drinking water standard requires

that coliform counts not be greater than 1 part per 100 ml., and generally steps in to close a water source when coliform counts reach 4 parts per 100 ml., Enser said. The state and the local health board examined Cold Spring in June but decided not to close it down because the high coliform counts are due to surface infiltration of the intake box rather than from fecal matter.

The intake box, constructed of steel, measuring approximately 3 feet on each side and 2½ feet deep, allows surface water to come in through its sides, Enser speculates. The box once had a lock and hasp for its top but the lock has been broken.

Cold Spring, located on property of Seth Hopkins, is leased by the town of Lee for \$75 a year. The town has maintained the spring for years. The Lee Kiwanis Club is currently considering the donation of funds to replace the intake box, according to J. Peter Scoloro, superintendent of the Department of Public Works. He estimated that a clay replacement box would cost about \$500 and a more durable stainless steel box would cost much more. Rehabilitation of the spring might also include installation of a drain to divert water on the uphill side of the box.

"We've issued a boiling order, not a condemnation order," said Enser. "Basically we've got a good water source. The coliform counts are like counts on a pristine stream. They're not going to pass state standards either. But we've got to do something about the box."



John S. Egan

SALT-BOX STYLE dollhouse is exhibited by its maker, Maurice F. Roberts

Retiree makes dollhouse for bazaar

MONTEREY — Maurice F. Roberts of Main Road has hand-crafted a two-story, saltbox-style doll's house, which he is donating for the holiday bazaar of the Church of the Good Shepherd in South Lee.

Roberts, who retired 1½ years ago after working 21 years at the Specialty Papers Division of the Mead Corp. in Lee, spent the last six months constructing the seven-room scale model of a traditional New England dwelling.

Working in a shop in his basement, Roberts built the main structure out of plywood.

He notched pieces of wood to make shingles, attached beveled strips of wood for clapboard, and created two removable panels for access to rooms on either side of the house. He left the large attic space unroofed, for easy access to the entire second floor. The doll's house, which is painted brown, contains a first-floor fireplace made out of thin pieces of brick and an angled front hall staircase to the second floor. Each room is wallpapered.

The doll's house measures 33 inches long, 23 inches wide, and 26 inches high.

Roberts, who had constructed two other dollhouses for his children before building this one, said he might consider building a few more, on an order basis, and for profit.

The Church of the Good Shepherd in South Lee will raffle off the doll's house at the annual Christmas bazaar Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bazaar will also feature booths with Christmas ornaments, mittens, crocheted articles, toys, Christmas notes and other gift items.

Churchwomen will serve lunch, sandwiches, coffee and desserts.

Lenox students report

Religion

Jesus by mail

By Richard J. Coleman



HE HELD only occasional services in a lavishly redecorated old movie theatre in downtown Los Angeles, yet he took in \$3 to \$4 million a year. He leased a dozen expensive cars, including Cadillacs, a Rolls Royce and a Stutz Black Hawk. Drawing a salary of between \$63,000 and \$76,000, the Rev. James Eugene Ewing had every reason to believe things were going to get even better.

Now all that is gone, for this onetime dirt-floor revival preacher filed for bankruptcy two months ago in a Los Angeles federal court. The bankruptcy petition listed more than \$2.7 million in secured and unsecured claims and only \$486,000 in assets. In addition, Ewing is plagued by about 50 lawsuits.

This story is all the more ironic because the Rev. Mr. Ewing was a master at eliciting contributions through the mail. Ewing is credited with helping such well-known personalities as Oral Roberts, Billy James Hargis, Rex Humbard, and T. L. Osborn. His best-known success story is about how he saved Oral Roberts from financial disaster nine years ago. Ewing advised Oral Roberts to write supporters telling them that he would personally take all their letters into his prayer tower and pray for their requests for three days. The appeal was so effective that sacks of mail engulfed the prayer tower and donations doubled in 1969 to \$12.3 million.

Ewing had developed a style that has been imitated by many other evangelists who depend upon the mail to finance their work. Stripped of embellishments, the pitch is that if you give a dollar to God (through the evangelist, of course) God will bless you with two. The psychology is basically that of all fund raisers — people will give if they get something in return. Ewing created the slogan that was to become his trademark: "Something good is going to happen to you!" Numerous promises are made such as the ones included in a letter from T. L. Osborn recently received by myself. "God's pact of plenty is your greatest insurance policy. It guarantees—

Health for your sickness
Success for your failure
Abundance for your needs
Prosperity for your poverty."

Promotion campaigns often involve mailing inexpensive items like prayer cloths and glow-in-the-dark light-switch plates "free" in return for your donation. Letters are personalized by computer typed-in names, composed in a folksy style with words purposely misspelled, and mailed to as many as 1.5 million homes a month.

Mail-order evangelists are notably of one kind. They see themselves as appointed by God to preach the good news to the world. No stone shall be left unturned. At the first sign of success they expand rapidly, convinced that God has blessed their work. Extensive investment in property and buildings is commonplace, if for no other reason than to establish a little concrete security. The assumption is that more capital is always available by simply increasing their mailing lists or their air time on television and radio.

By contrast, the more-respected evangelists are concerned with involving other people and churches in spreading the message of Jesus Christ. For them, evangelism is still God's No. 1 job, but it includes a ministry to the physical needs and welfare of the whole person. In order to remove any suspicion of greed, they make it a practice to divest themselves of direct financial control, are paid a salary established by a board of directors, and make public annually the corporation's assets and liabilities. They, too, make frequent appeals through mailing lists, but instead of making per-

sonal promises they state simply how the money is going to be used.

But evangelists of the Rev. Mr. Ewing's stripe don't abide by these standards. You can hardly imagine the stream of miracles that result, one letter claims, when "you plant your money in God's No. 1 work." Debts are canceled, better jobs are offered, crops increase, families are reunited. Who is to say the hand of God is not at work here?

Nevertheless, we cannot disregard the legions of lonely, desperate, guilt-ridden people who latch onto these letter-promises as their last ray of hope. When the unexpected blessing happens it is naturally reported, but how many non-fulfillments are buried beneath someone's pride and disappointment?

By filing the voluntary bankruptcy petition, James Ewing and his Church of Compassion may be able to start over free of the \$2.7 million debts. Don't be too surprised if sometime you receive a letter from him asking for your support.



The Rev. W.G. Dent

St. George's names guest minister

LEE — The Rev. W. Gilbert Dent, the assistant director of the St. Francis Homes for troubled teen-agers in Kansas and New York, will be the guest preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service tomorrow at St. George's Episcopal Church on Franklin Street.

Mr. Dent will also show a film on the work of the St. Francis Homes, which are located in Lake Placid and Loudonville, N.Y., and in Salina and Elsworth, Kan.

A coffee hour at the Parish Hall will follow the service and provide the opportunity to question Mr. Dent, according to the Rev. Robert A. Freeman, St. George's rector.

Mr. Dent was enrolled in the Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., training program before deciding to join the ministry in 1957. He was ordained in New York in 1960 and has been the assistant director at the St. Francis Homes since 1975.

The Rev. Richard J. Coleman is director of the Christian Center in Pittsfield.

Housatonic Parish Names New Pastor



Rev. Ralph Gonichelis

Rev. Ralph Gonichelis, a 28-year old native of Somerville, N.J., has been named associate pastor of the Housatonic Valley Cooperative Parish, which oversees Methodist churches in Lee, Great Barrington, Housatonic and Alford.

Rev. Gonichelis, who is a third year student at Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J., said last week that he expects to do a great deal of work with the parish's youth program. He said that working with young people is one of the most important tasks facing the ministry today. "If the churches lose the kids, it will be all over," he asserted.

Gonichelis, who taught Shakespearian theatre to high school and first year college students at the University of Indiana, said that he hopes to bring some of his theatrical background to his ministry. "For too long, people have gone to church to watch the show," he said. "I want them to be part of the experience."

He said that he grew disenchanted with teaching after several years, feeling that there were too many constraints placed on his methods. He said that he turned to the ministry, feeling that it offered a greater degree of freedom and a greater degree of what he likes to call "servanthood."

The term is taken from "The Cost of Discipleship," a book authored by German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, which Gonichelis says has had great influence on his own life.

"Bonhoeffer says that we find Christ through our community and our neighbors," Gonichelis said. By serving the community--a notion supported by the New

Testament story of the feeding of the multitudes--Gonichelis said that individuals can achieve "servanthood."

"The ministry has to be geared to people," he said, asserting that it sometimes "gets hung up on liturgical problems," forgetting in the process, the most important element in the ministry--people. "For too long," he said, "churches seemed to think that people had to meet their needs." He said that he sees the proposition in reverse, and that the most important mission he has is to see that his church meets the needs of the people.

Helping Gonichelis familiarize himself with his new duties will be Rev. Robert Brightman, the pastor of the Housatonic Valley Cooperative Parish. The two men share duties at the four parishes in South County, which otherwise would not be able to afford a full-time pastor of their own.

Gonichelis' background also includes an undergraduate degree in political science from Stanford University in 1970, and a graduate degree in clinical psychology in 1972. He won the American Psychiatric Association prize that year for his work in suicide research and prevention.

His future includes marriage to Emily C. Blank, a doctoral candidate in economics at Boston College. The couple will live in the parish house of the Lee United Methodist Church on High Street.



Rev. Robert S. Brightman

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Dorothy Chapman

Rev. Gordon Scruton, new rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Dalton, will begin his duties on Nov. 5.

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Lee promises to help ministers on problems with transients

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Three local ministers told the Selectmen Monday night that the town has a problem with transients, some of whom the ministers consider dangerous. They won the board's promise of help from the Police Department.

The ministers — Walter S. Ryan of the First Congregational Church, Robert E. Freeman of the St. George's Episcopal Church and Robert S. Brightman of the United Methodist Church — asked that the Selectmen set up some sort of organization to deal with late-night and early-morning pleas for help from transients and needy families.

The ministers said there were an average of between six and eight such pleas a month.

The ministers also said that transients are more of a problem than the needy families. Referring to the transients, Mr. Freeman said, "Some of them are social deviants. They shouldn't be running around the town for the safety of citizens." He added that he and the other ministers were not prepared to deal with such cases.

Mr. Ryan said that when transients come to him for help in the early morning hours he "often doesn't know who they are. You hate to throw them out, but often they are psychotics and neurotics."

The ministers asked that the police be used to screen those truly in need of the ministers' services and those who are dangerous.

They said it is a problem that affects the entire town, and that they hoped to eventually set up a formal organization for dealing with those requesting emergency help.

In a memo to the Selectmen entitled "The Wandering Americans," Rev. Ryan wrote: "With regard to our help for transients and families in need who call for housing and food early or late at night, we are now at a point of no return..."

"We often get such undesirable, suspect or under-age men and women dropping in for help that we hesitate to suggest they become the responsibility of other business folk. We have been 'taken in' and have lost out in so many cases that we do not know what to do with such people, especially when children are involved... It is not just or fair to have this problem placed on one or two ministers, whose funds and resources become exhausted very quickly. There ought to be an Emergency Committee formed, funded through the United Way or the Red Cross."

Mr. Ryan's letter also said that little help was available from Pittsfield or Berkshire County agencies after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

In other business Monday night, the Selectmen:

— Approved a request from the Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. to erect a

sign on the Eagle Mill through Nov. 1 that will read "Happy Birthday, Lee, 1777-1977." The sign will be placed on six 2-foot by 8-foot boards, according to a letter from Personnel Director Gary Morton.

— Gave tentative approval for the transfer of the liquor license at the Ferncliff Restaurant to Player Piano, Inc. That firm, owned by Arthur Ivey of Great Barrington, will buy the restaurant, located on Pleasant Street.

— Received notice that the dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breen of Martin Avenue has been destroyed. The dog was the subject of four complaints.

— Said they would contact Mrs. Jerry Smith of Marble Street, whose German Shepherd was the subject of a complaint filed by Yvone H. DuPont, the director of the elderly housing project on Marble Street.

— Held up action on a permit

application filed by the Lee Rotary Club for a German Beer and Italian Wine festival on Aug. 13 at the Tru-Value Tire Co. parking lot. The Selectmen delayed taking any action because of confusion over whether the Rev. Walter S. Ryan of the First Congregational Church had given permission for the event. The site of the festival is within 500-feet of Mr. Ryan's church, meaning he must give his approval.



John S. Egan

ECUMENICAL CHOIR from four Lee churches sings at Thanksgiving service held at First United Methodist Church in Lee. Service, held Wednesday, drew about 200 persons. Clergy seated in front of choir

are, left to right, the Rev. Ralph Gonichelas, the Rev. Walter W. Ryan, the Rev. Robert A. Freeman, the Rev. James J. Scahill (partly hidden by rostrum, and the Rev. Howard W. McCormick.

200 attend Lee Thanksgiving service

LEE — Approximately 200 members of four Lee churches crowded into the First Methodist Church on High Street Wednesday evening for an ecumenical service of Thanksgiving.

Clergy participating in the service were the Rev. Ralph R. Gonichelas of the host church, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan of the First Congregational Church, the Rev. Robert A. Freeman of St. George's Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Howard W. McCormick and the Rev. James J. Scahill, both of St. Mary's Church.

While there have been ecumenical services in Lee in previous years, this was the first to be held on Thanksgiving eve.

Churchgoers filled the arched pews and also sat on folding chairs at the back of the auditorium as the service began. The clergymen from the four churches each had a part in the composition and the delivery of different parts of the service.

Mr. Gonichelas, assistant pastor of the host church, led the call to worship and the invocation. Mr. Ryan read Psalm 104 from the Old Testament, and Mr. Freeman said a prayer of Thanksgiving. Father McCormick delivered the homily, and Father Scahill read a litany of Thanksgiving that had been written by Mr. Ryan.

A choir made up of members of the four churches sang hymns. Part of the offertory went to the Harvest of Hope.

Mr. Gonichelas ended the service by thanking everyone who had turned out and gave a benediction from the Book of Numbers, ending it with the Hebrew words "Shalom Chaverim," which means "Farewell good friends and brothers."

Outside in the dark, watching people file out of the church, one man appraised the service:

"It's a terrific thing. We're not back in the horse and buggy days any more, you know. They should keep having it at different churches, year after year."

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Harris Photo

A good ol' fashioned popcorn wagon moved into Great Barrington this week, and set up shop for the summer. Richard Hartmann, its owner, operator, and designer, said the vehicle was built by Berkshire Carriage Works of Great Barrington. The wagon, which offers popcorn, peanuts, and Coke, is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will extend its hours to 9 p.m. July 1.

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LEE SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN Joseph J. Castronova challenges Edward M. Cristiano, manager of the old movie theater on Main Street, to remove its terrazzo floor.



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CRISTIANO tells the Selectmen he will do anything "within reason" to remedy problems at the theater. The theater is owned by Cristiano's mother and sister.

Crumbling Lee building to be fixed

LEE — Edward M. Cristiano, the manager of the old movie theater on Main Street, last night accepted a challenge from the Selectmen. He said he would remove the rest of the theater's crumbling terrazzo floor if it could be proved to him that the tiles could easily be picked up by hand.

This morning Selectman Lena D. Bettega met Cristiano and his wife at the theater. She said she and Cristiano easily dislodged more than a half dozen pieces of tile from the floor in the theater's entryway. Cristiano told her he would have the remainder of the tiles removed.

The terrazzo floor last week drew complaints after a window at the Lee Library across the street was broken with a small tile that had been picked up and thrown.

"I'll remedy any problems the building might have right away," Cristiano told the Selectmen last night. "But I think the onus is with the kids who were throwing the pieces. Anybody can pick them up if they use a screwdriver. The tiles are in there,

they're set. You could walk down any street in Lee and pick up a stone from a yard to throw at a window. The onus shouldn't be with the owner. The cart's before the horse here."

Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs, called in to the meeting, rejected Cristiano's claim.

"Those pieces are in a state where you can pull them up by hand," Briggs said. "And the point is that other buildings are occupied. The theater is in a run-down condition. If you're not going to fix it, we'll fix it."

Cristiano said that repairs of a roof drain, installation of drain covers and sealing of cracks had stopped a leakage problem in the theater roof. He said he had outlined difficulties, encountered in trying to unclog a stopped roof drain, in a March letter to the Selectmen. Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova said the board never received the letter.

"We did have a problem," he said. "A grapefruit juice can had gotten stopped in the drain. It backed

up dust and dirt until it was like cement. Roto-Rooter couldn't get through. Avigo Brothers, plumbers, finally fixed it."

Cristiano, who said he plans to resurface the roof this spring, said he hadn't been able to find new tenants for the vacant property or convert it to another use because of a legal action against Esquire Theaters, which closed down operations at the old movie theater more than seven years ago.

"I've been in court against Esquire for seven years," he said. "They went bankrupt for \$4 million. They owed me rent. They broke their lease, and they took everything out of the building. The only way I could hope to get my just due was to sue them to restore the building as a movie theater."

Cristiano, who said he had won a civil court action against Esquire three months ago but would collect no money from it, acknowledged his responsibility to fix any structural problems the theater might have.

"I'm planning on renovating the building," he said.



James Selva

A TOUCH OF CLASS has been added to the Berkshire Truck Plaza in West Stockbridge with the newly redecorated dining room. The move was done to encour-

age the public to join the truck drivers at the popular stop.

Truck stop spruces up interior

Manager aims at attracting general public

By Patricia Mullin

WEST STOCKBRIDGE — Berkshire Auto/Truck Plaza is by no means an ordinary truck stop. For one thing, there are lions, tigers, and zebras on the wallpaper and real, not plastic, plants as part of the 'safari' decor in the restaurant. In January, the truck stop gained the managerial expertise of Samuel Lagrotteria, who is responsible for adding the finishing touches, including the animal-print wallpaper, to an already successful business owned by Col. George Wilde of Lee.

"Most truck stops are greasy spoons," Lagrotteria said. He is proud of the facilities he promotes as manager. Truck drivers are first priority when it comes to service in the restaurant or providing rooms for the night, but area residents and tourists are encouraged to take advantage of the same food and comfortable motel rooms.

Wilde, who also owns Highlawn Farm in Lee, established the motel restaurant complex in 1969, and it was a million-dollar enterprise when it was leveled by a tornado in August 1973. It was promptly rebuilt, and just recently underwent some extensive redecoration conceived by Lagrotteria and carried out by interior designer Judy Rosenfeld of Pittsfield.

Lagrotteria explained that the 'safari' idea came to him when he went to England Brother's in Pittsfield to buy his wife a birthday present. He stopped in at the Safari Room coffee shop there and happened to notice that the color scheme was identical to the colors on the restaurant walls at the truck stop.

Personal art

With Ms. Rosenfeld's help, they worked the animal-print wallpaper in, and further enhanced the atmosphere with the addition of lush, green foliage and room dividers decorated with graphic drawings of antelopes, and other creatures.

The dividers also serve to denote the Habitat Room (private dining area) and The Big Game Room (pinball machine area).

From Wilde's personal art collection came a series of framed limited edition prints of assorted

wild animals which grace the walls above the dining tables.

Another addition was made to the complex — a retail store which sells parts for trucks, sunglasses, alarm clocks, magazines, CB radios, and most everything else a truck driver might need while traveling.

The recently completed renovations are the "first leg of an expansion program," Lagrotteria explained, adding that

plans are under way to open a gas station in front which would cater exclusively to cars.

No ordinary stop

In addition to daily specials like brisket of corned beef and cabbage with boiled potato and homemade soups, the menu offers breakfast 24 hours a day, steaks, seafood, honey dipped chicken, Italian specialties, and a variety of sandwiches. Des-

serts of the day often include bread pudding and rice pudding.

Lagrotteria's attractive renovation ideas, combined with an imaginative array of good, hearty food items, and an overall policy of spotlessness throughout the restaurant and the motel, provide diners and travelers alike with an experience unique to a truck stop. But that's because Berkshire Auto/Truck Plaza is by no means an ordinary truck stop.



Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hale

Willis Hales honored on 50th anniversary

TYRINGHAM — Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hale of Tyringham were honored at the Lenox House Saturday to mark their 50th wedding anniversary. The party, attended by about 60, was given by their children.

Mrs. Hale, the former Elizabeth Juel, was born in Lynn and raised in Swampscott. A graduate of Salem State Teacher's College, she taught in the Tyringham School for several years and was active in the Union Church of Tyringham.

Mr. Hale, a life-long Tyringham resident, is co-owner of Sunset Farms. He has held many town offices and participated in community services.

The couple, who were married in Tyringham on June 8, 1928,

have two children, George Hale of Tyringham and Mrs. Joan Santonastasi of Cupertino, Calif., and three grandchildren.



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RETIRED DIRECTOR of the Visiting Nurse Association, Mildred E. Darbe, left, receives a silver bowl from Marita Stratton, president of the association's board of directors. The floral centerpiece was a gift to Mrs. Darbe from the faculty of St. Mary's School.

100 honor retiring VNA head

LEE — More than 100 people turned out Monday at the Senior Center on Railroad Street to honor Mildred E. Darbe, recently retired director of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA).

Mrs. Darbe retired from her post for reasons of health on Nov. 9 after serving as head of the organization for nine years. She joined the VNA as a staff nurse in 1967.

She received her nursing degree from the Henry W. Bishop School of Nursing in Pittsfield

in 1951.

During her tenure as director, the VNA has increased its staff by adding a supervisor, a physical therapist, four home health aides and two registered nurses. The VNA, which last year served more than 1,700 persons in South Berkshire, has tripled its patient coverage since 1961.

The older the better

"We do so many things," Mrs. Darbe said yesterday, "from immunizing children to running TB clinics to working

for the Lee Board of Health. But what makes me happiest is working with the elderly. It's amazing how much you can learn from them. The older they are the better I like them."

"It wasn't work to me," she said. "It was fun."

Mrs. Darbe will remain a member of the organization's record review committee and the advisory committee of the board of directors.

"I don't expect to sit home and get involved with soap operas every day," she said.

At the tea, the VNA presented a Paul Revere silver bowl to Mrs. Darbe, and the faculty of St. Mary's School gave her a floral centerpiece. She also received cards and small gifts from many well-wishers.

The VNA board of directors and the Golden Age crafts group prepared desserts and sponsored the tea. Nancy Warden, treasurer of the board of directors, and Mrs. Lorenzo P. Salinetti and Mrs. Peter Budd of the Golden Age crafts group were coordinators.

D. Ann Beacco, supervisor of the VNA, takes over as director on Jan. 1.

Hometown policeman

LEE

Give Edward J. Finnegan a few days of sun and sand each summer — a brief change of scene — and his wanderlust is satisfied. If he gets more than that, he starts itching to get back to his hometown.

Finnegan, 33, is the newly appointed acting chief of police in Lee, the town where he was born, went to school and married his high school sweetheart. He says he has never dreamed of living anywhere else. The day-to-day challenge of police work, which brings the unexpected into a familiar setting, is his enervating tonic. He counts himself lucky to live in a town where the police and the citizenry are on a first name basis.

"I've never wanted to spend my life elsewhere," he says emphatically to a reporter's query. "The people are good here — it's amazing to see them pitch in together in an emergency. I don't think you can find a better town than this one."

A four-year veteran on the seven-man force, Finnegan was picked Jan. 30 to serve as acting chief in the absence of Lee Police Chief John J. Boyne. Boyne, who suffered a heart attack Oct. 21 and was hospitalized for several weeks, has been kept from active duty by doctors' orders. The Selectmen gave Finnegan the official nod to step in as acting chief on the day that Adelard J. LaLiberte, who had been running the department since Boyne's heart attack, retired after 30 years on the force.

Described by friends and associates as "level-headed" and "easy going," Finnegan says he doesn't mind the extra work of filling out time schedules, payrolls,



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Finnegan: Never the same thing

and other paper work that comes with the new responsibilities. While he says that he never "set the world on fire" as a member of Lee High School's Class of 1961, the typing and business courses there have proved useful to him.

The son of Dorothy Finnegan and the late Henry Finnegan, the acting chief was born at his parents' Columbia Street home on March 26, 1944. His mother, who taught in the Lee Schools for 25 years before retiring a couple of years ago, still lives in the house. Finnegan's three sisters all live in Berkshire County and a brother still lives in Lee.

Following his graduation from high school, Finnegan worked for a local contractor, as a clerk in a package store and as a machine assembler at the Clark Aiken Co. He says he joined the police force because it offered him a better future and because of the challenge of police work.

"It's never the same thing," he said. "That's what I like about it I guess. You never see the same thing occur twice."

In 1965, he married the former Lorraine Scarafoni of Lee, after dating her in his senior year in high school and going out with her for the following four years.

An avid fisherman and hunter as a teen-ager, Finnegan says he doesn't have much time for the two sports any more. He says he doesn't miss them. His time away from the Town Hall police headquarters is spent at his Marble Street home with his wife and their two children, James Edward, 10, and Michelle Ann, 7.

During the summer, Finnegan and his wife tend vegetable and flower gardens that they plant each year in the backyard. When they want to get away from it all, they pack up the car and head for the beach for three or four days.

Board names 2nd provisional police officer

LEE — The Selectmen Monday appointed Robert A. Giarolo of Birch Street as a provisional police officer.

It was the second appointment of a provisional police officer in the last two weeks. The two appointments were made to beef up the current force of five permanent officers and acting Chief Edward J. Finnegan.

Giarolo, a reserve police officer for the past three years, will work as a full-time patrolman until a Civil Service list from an examination in May becomes available and permanent appointments are made to fill two positions on the force, the Selectmen said.

The Selectmen expect the Civil Service list to become available in November. The provisional appointment does not guarantee subsequent appointment as a full-time officer, the Selectmen said, since Civil Service regulations require that the latter appointments be made by taking the persons who rank highest on examination lists. Giarolo is one of several local applicants who took the May examination. The other provisional officer appointed last week, Frederick Christopher Holmes of Main Street, also took the May test.

Giarolo, 26, a Lee native, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ottavio B. Giarolo of Birch Street. A 1970 graduate of Lee High School, he attended Berkshire Community College. He has been employed as manager of the Lee Package Store. A member of the Lee Fire Department, he completed a law enforcement course, which was given at Monument Mountain High School.

Lee Selectmen appoint provisional policeman

LEE — Moving to strengthen the understaffed Lee Police Department, the Selectmen Monday appointed Frederick Christopher Holmes of Main Street as a provisional police officer.

Holmes, a special police officer for the past year, will work as a full-time patrolman until a Civil Service list from an examination in May becomes available and permanent appointments are made, the Selectmen said.

The current force, five officers and acting Chief Edward M. Finnegan, is short two positions. The Selectmen expect the results of the latest Civil Service examination to become available in November. Last week, the board sent invitations for provisional appointments on the

force to Holmes and another Lee resident. Monday Holmes told the Selectmen he would accept the appointment.

Took examination

A provisional appointment does not guarantee subsequent appointment as a full-time officer, the Selectmen said, since Civil Service regulations require that the latter appointments be made by taking the persons who rank highest on examination lists. Holmes is one of several local applicants who took the May examination.

Holmes, 23, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Holmes of Lenox Dale, is a graduate of the former Cranwell School. He attended St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., and Berkshire Community College. For the past three years, he has been employed by the Specialty Papers Division of the Mead Corp. here. Last year he completed a law enforcement course, which was taught by state police Detective Lt. Milo F. Brown. Holmes is married to the former Rita Bettega.



LEE RESIDENTS and former residents wintering in Florida were entertained recently at the Pembroke Pines home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Simone Jr. Simone, a former Lee High School athlete, is a teacher and baseball coach at Miami Dade Junior College. From left to right in the front row are Charles Termini, Anthony C. Simone Sr., Peter W. Consolati and John Consolati. In the back row are Mrs. Henry Archambeault, Mrs. John Marchino, Mrs. Susan Johnson, Mrs. Anthony C. Simone Sr., Mrs. Peter W. Consolati and Mrs. John Consolati.



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SPORTING SPRING fashions for St. Mary-St. Martha Sodality of Lee are Mrs. Richard T. Salinetti of David Avenue, Lee, and her two children, Terri, at left, and James, in stroller. About 250 persons attended the card party and fashion show, held Wednesday at St. Mary's School auditorium. The event raised more than \$650 for the sodality.

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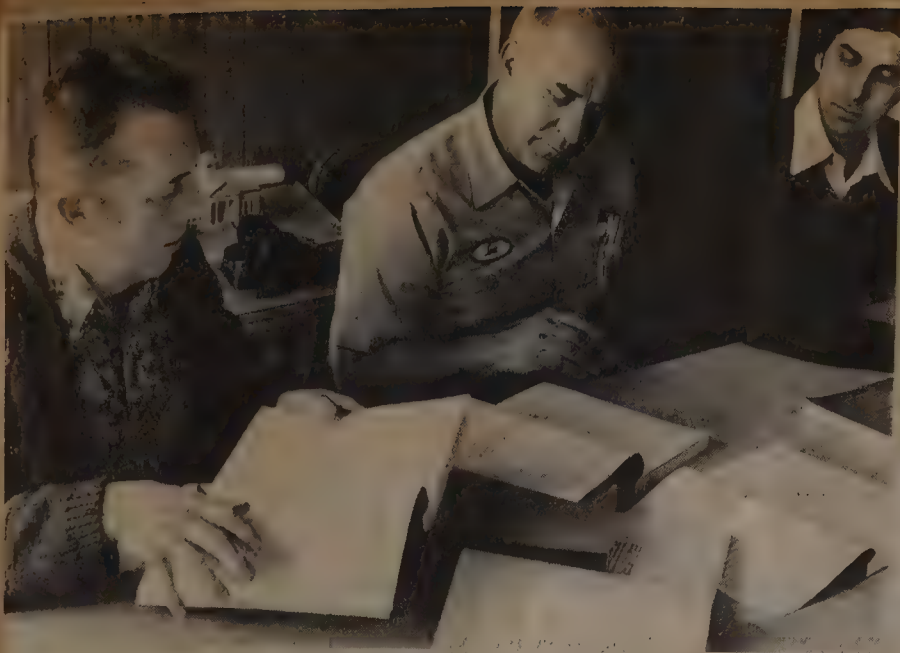
LOFTING his kite to the wind, Scott Turnbull of 3 Summer St., Lee, takes advantage of an April gust.



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HISTORIC HOUSE in Great Barrington in which William Cullen Bryant was married, was object of concern this week among town boards who fear new own-

ers may want to alter it and threaten its status as a national historic site.



NEWLY SIGNED CONTRACT for the Mountain View Terrace-Park View Terrace sewer project is inspected by, from left to right, J. Peter Scolforo, Louis P. Naventi and Robert W. Petricca.

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Contract is signed in Lee for 1st leg of sewer project

LEE — A representative of the Petricca Construction Co. and town officials yesterday signed an \$86,087.50 contract for the first part for what will be a \$4.9 million sewer construction project in Lee.

Robert W. Petricca, vice president of the company that beat out seven other bidders for the Mountain View Terrace-Park View Terrace contract, met with Louis P. Naventi, chairman of the Department of Public Works board, and J. Peter Scolforo, town road commissioner, to sign the contract at the courthouse at 1 p.m. A representative of Tighe & Bond, the consulting engineering firm that is drawing the plans for the entire project, was on hand.

The Mountain View Terrace-Park View Terrace sewer project will link approximately 22 homes on the two streets, located off West Park Street just west of the Greenock Country Club, to the town's existing sewer system. The project requires 4,200 feet of 4-inch and 8-inch gravity sewers, manholes, and other related items.

Petricca said he expects work to begin within two weeks. The contract allows eight months for completion, but Petricca said it would take three working months to finish the project. He estimated that work would be completed in the spring.

His company will maintain one-way traffic on the two streets during construction.

Bid opening

Bids on the rest of the \$4.9 million sewer construction project that will add 285 households and about 1,000 residents to the municipal system will be opened within the next 30 days, Naventi announced.

The Department of Public Works will open the bids for the

major part of the work, to take place in South Lee and East Lee, on Dec. 5. Bids on the five or six subcontracts for three pumping stations to be located on Route 102 will be opened on Nov. 28.

In August the federal Environmental Protection Agency awarded the town \$3,272,715 for the project. The state, through

the Water Resources Commission, will contribute about \$900,000.

The 1976 annual town meeting appropriated \$700,000 as the town's share.

The project is expected to take between two and three years to complete. By the time it is finished 80 to 85 percent of Lee will be on sewer lines.



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CHAMPION of the Lee Junior Community Basketball League is Bob's TV. Members displaying their champions' jackets are, from left to right in the first row, head coach Tim Bartini, Michael McCauley, Ed Noonan, David Eisenberg, assistant coach Joseph Scapin and team sponsor Robert Wheeler. In the second row are Peter Salice, Mark Kohlenberger, Richard Brighenti, Dan Gage, James Maroni and Tom Touponce. The team had a 13-2 record for the 1978 season.

Lee league names Eisenberg

LEE — With a crowd of more than 120 persons witnessing, David Eisenberg was named Monday as Most Valuable Player for the Lee Junior Community Basketball League's 1978 season. League president William Bourdon presented the trophy.

Eisenberg, an 8th grader at Central School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eisenberg of Pleasant Street. Joseph Rooney won the league award for sportsmanship and Don Renaud was named Rookie-of-the-Year.

Players and coaches on Bob's TV, league champions, were presented jackets at the awards night, held at Lee High School cafeteria. Bob's TV, which finished the season with a 13-2 record, defeated Greylock for the cham-

pionship.

Receiving jackets were players Michael McCauley, Ed Noonan, David Eisenberg, Peter Salice, Mark Kohlenberger, Richard Brighenti, Dan Gage, James Maroni and Tom Touponce; head coach Tim Bartini and assistant coach Joseph Scapin.

Team sponsor Robert Wheeler, owner of Bob's TV, received a trophy.

Also receiving trophies were All-Star coaches Tom Keenan and Pat Toomey and members of the All-Star team: David Greiner, Tim Cummings, Dale Tuccio, Jon Bourdon, Keith Gangell, John Godwin, John Catanzaro, Mark LePrevost, Tom Toomey, Robert Kruse, Don Renaud, Jeff Herlihy and Bill Brunell.

Builder offers 3 acres of wetlands to Lee

LEE — A local subdivision builder wants to give the town three acres of wetlands which border the Lee High School playing fields, the Selectmen learned this week.

Developer John S. Booke, who constructed houses on Hartwood Drive, intends to give the town a 3-acre parcel that is bordered on the north and east by the Hartwood Drive houses. The Lee High School playing fields form the parcel's western boundary and private property borders the parcel from the south.

The parcel contains a pond, according to the Conservation Commission, which would be responsible for overseeing the acquisition.

Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy said that the proposed donation sounded like "a good offer." The Selectmen said that an article would be placed on the annual or a special town meeting warrant for district representatives to accept the 3-acre parcel from Booke.

Becket Arts Center sets summer events

A variety of exhibits, concerts, drama and workshops will be held this summer at the Becket Arts Center of the Hilltowns.

A gallery party will open this season's members' art show at the center on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The exhibition will be on display through Aug. 4.

Registration for summer workshops will be held today through July 9 from 11 to 4.

Courses offered are: silk screening, leather craft, photography, ceramics, instruments, painting, drawing, sculpture, theater, woodworking and dance.

The arts center has also scheduled music and drama entertainment to run each Sunday night at 8 p.m. in July and August. The schedule is: July 9 — True Believers and Bev Rohla; July 16 — Venetian Brass Quartet; July 23 — Sunshine Stage in "Under Milkwood"; July 30 — the Art Deco Sextet (Hot Jazz) and Tex & Pat; Aug. 6 — Sushil Mukherjee & Company; Aug. 13 — The Berkshire Quintet; Aug. 20 — folk/rock concert, a kaleidoscope of popular musical groups; Aug. 27 — Capital Artists in a staging of "La Boheme."

Lee hears possible uses for U.S. block-grant funds

By John S. Egan

LEE — Tennis courts, an expanded firehouse, traffic lights and trees for Main Street, and sewer lines were suggested at a public hearing Monday night as activities to be included in the town's application for a 1978 community development block grant.

Department of Public Works Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo, who will draw up the grant application, told the more than dozen persons gathered that their suggestions would be considered and checked for eligibility.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which awards the grants, rates highest those grant applications which will directly benefit low- and moderate-income income persons, Scolforo said. The town of Lee will be preparing a pre-application for a total possible maximum grant of \$500,000 to be spent in approximately one year, he said.

Characterizing the town's two tennis courts as inadequate to serve the number of tennis players in town, Mark A. Kresiak of Mandalay Road presented to the Selectmen a petition which proposed the construction of two new courts at Lee High School. The petition contained 284 signatures.

"In the summer it's tough for residents to get time on the two courts at Lee Athletic Field," Kresiak said. "And when the tourists come, it's not restricted. During the spring the high school tennis team practices on the courts and also holds its matches there."

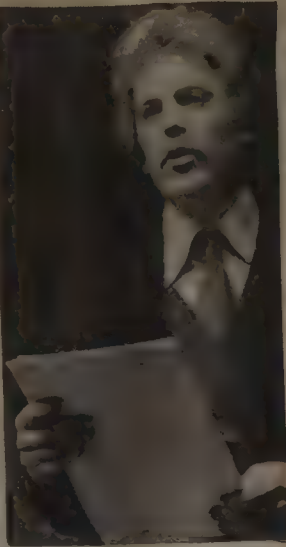
Jerry Mortenson of Park Street said that Richard Lenfest, Lee High School athletic director, who was unable to attend the hearing, was very enthusiastic about the proposal to build public courts at the high school. He suggested that the town restrict its courts to give residents more playing time.

"Other communities police their courts," he said. "I do think the courts ought to be somewhat restricted. Issue permits to every taxpaying resident and to hotels for guests. Some action should be taken so we don't have all Berkshire County playing tennis in Lee."

Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova agreed that there is a need for more court space in town.

"I think they're needed," he said. "And I think that they should be built at the school. But we'd have to get together with the School Committee on that."

Lee Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo asked the town to consider applying for funds to build a \$250,000 addition to the firehouse on Main Street. The application would be conditional on voters approving an article on the annual town meeting warrant that seeks to use \$35,000 in revenue sharing funds or free cash to purchase the old Orienti



Mark A. Kresiak
More tennis courts

property, on the fire station's south side.

The addition would provide extra space for apparatus, room to headquarter the Lee Ambulance Service and the possible relocation of the town's switchboard, Giarolo said. A structure roughly 60 feet wide and 70 feet deep would provide one bay for a large engine, two bays for smaller trucks and a bay for the ambulance, as well as extra storage room, Giarolo said.

Charging that Main Street traffic poses a hazard to pedestrians, William B. Navin of High Street called for five traffic lights to be installed along Route 20 as it passes through the center of town. He asked for fully automatic signals at High Street and Park Street, at Park Street and Main Street, in front of the Town Hall on Main Street, at Main Street and Railroad Street and at Main Street and East Center Street.

"I'd like to know if there's anyone in this town who's interested in doing something about the traffic," Navin said. "They'll stop for a dog but they won't stop for a child. I'd like to have these five lights. If I have to I'll get the estimates for the lights and call a special town meeting myself."

Marilyn Sullivan, Chamber of Commerce second vice president, asked the Selectmen to consider applying for funds to spruce up Main Street.

"I'm talking about the deterioration of Main Street," she said. "Recently the Chamber has sent

letters to three Main Street property owners asking them to take care of their properties. I'd like to see the central blocks spiffed up a bit. I wondered if there might be money available to put in flowers in pots or trees on at least part of Main Street."

The Selectmen also heard a request from some residents of George Street who asked that funds be applied for to install sewer laterals on that street.

Lee man gets consumer post

A Lee resident has been named to the new post of consumer affairs program coordinator for Northeast Utilities, the parent company of Western Mass. Electric Co.

V. Michael Sinacori, who had been an energy management consultant for Western Mass.'s Pittsfield office before his promotion, will be responsible for monitoring the varied consumer affairs efforts of Northeast and its four subsidiaries.

Sinacori, who joined Western Mass. in 1968, held several sales and energy posts in Pittsfield before becoming an energy management consultant. In that capacity, he helped commercial and industrial clients manage energy use.

Sinacori was elected a Lee town meeting representative in 1975 and last year was elected chairman of the First District representatives.

He is also president of the Lee Little League, first vice presi-

dent of the Lee Kiwanis Club, secretary of the Berkshire Builders Association and a director of the Tri-Town Youth Hockey Association.

He was a section head for the Lee United Community Fund's 1977 campaign and has also served as a lector at St. Mary's Church and as co-chairman co-chairman of the church's bingo committee.

Sinacori, a Pittsfield native, was graduated from Berkshire Community College in 1965 and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at American International College in Springfield in 1967.

Since then, Sinacori has taken graduate-level courses in energy management at the University of Connecticut.

In 1971, he received a special citation from Western Mass. for service to his community.

He is married to the former Sharon Willis of Lee. They have two children. The family will head-



V. Michael Sinacori

Lee voters are 954-466 against proposed bypass

By John S. Egan

LEE — Reversing a stand taken three years ago, voters at the annual election yesterday were 954-466 against a proposed westerly Route 20 bypass for the town. The referendum question was non-binding.

The vote was a victory for the Chamber of Commerce, which lobbied against the bypass question since last December, when town officials agreed to put the question to a second referendum vote.

Many local merchants said that any proposed bypass would cause serious economic damage to stores in Lee's downtown area, to area restaurants, motels and to the town's 14 service stations. In the last few weeks before the election, Chamber members contacted town meeting representatives and asked them to urge constituents to vote against the bypass. "Vote No" signs proliferated in most downtown stores. The weekend before the election handbills were stuck in mailboxes and plastered on car windshields.

The bypass question drew a large number of voters to the polls yesterday, town officials said. The total vote was 1,492 out of 3,166 registered voters.

Voters at the 1975 annual town election had come out 342-224 in favor of a resolution calling for a route to bypass downtown. That vote prompted town officials to push for studies of a bypass of Main Street. The state Legislature in June 1975 and May 1977 enacted resolves directing the state Department of Public Works to study concepts for a Route 20 bypass on the west side of town.

Merchant opposition to the bypass surfaced at a December meeting that was sponsored by the state DPW. The meeting was to air the results of the second bypass study. Three "concept" routes were unveiled. The Selectmen, who were surprised by the voices that surfaced against the bypass, called for another vote.

The impact of yesterday's referendum is contested. While Chamber of Commerce President Richard Hommes has said he thought a "no" vote would be a binding mandate that would prevent the Selectmen from requesting any further studies, newly elected Selectman John E. DeVarenes said the Selectmen would not be bound by the vote. The state DPW has said that the vote wouldn't be binding, as far as state or countywide plans are concerned.

Lee Center Street bridge to be replaced

By John S. Egan

LEE — The state Department of Public Works yesterday gave notice that it is going forward with long-discussed plans to replace the deteriorating Route 20 Center Street bridge over the Housatonic River here.

The DPW announced in a legal notice in yesterday's Eagle that it would submit an Environmental Notification Form to Secretary of Environmental Affairs Evelyn F. Murphy on July 7.

"We have to replace the old bridge," Dean P. Amidon, district highway engineer for the state DPW, said yesterday. "Pieces of the deck keep falling into the river. There's no danger of the entire bridge going, but if we weren't constantly repairing it, there might be."

Amidon said that the bridge, built in 1925, is often subjected to loads that exceed its legal capacity. The current limits are 8 tons for a 2-axle vehicle, 18 tons for a 3-axle truck and 28 tons for a multi-axle trailer truck. Many of the trucks using Route 20 can carry a load of 73,000 pounds, Amidon said. A new bridge would have the capacity to carry that weight or even higher loads for trucks with special permits, Amidon said.

Preliminary step

The filing of the environmental notification form is a step preliminary to starting design of a new bridge, Amidon said.

In considering replacement of the bridge, the state DPW is faced with two alternatives — tearing down the present structure and erecting a new bridge in its place or building a new bridge to one side of the existing one.

Amidon said the DPW favored following the latter course and



Mark Mitchell

TRACTOR-TRAILER rumbles over the Route 20 Center Street bridge which spans the Housatonic in

Lee. The state has said that the 53-year-old bridge is deteriorating and needs replacement.

constructing a new bridge on the upstream side of the present structure.

"This would allow us to take some of the skew out of the sharp right angle turn at the northwest end of the bridge," Amidon said. "It would make a better bridge. And it would also prevent having to detour traffic during construction."

Such a detour would involve routing traffic through residential streets, Amidon said. Either version of the project would take a construction season — from

March to October — to complete. Amidon said he had no estimate of the project's cost.

The state DPW will include in its environmental notification form preliminary studies of the possible impact of noise and air pollution that would result from closing the present bridge, Amidon said. Also included will be an investigation of impacts from the taking of right-of-way for a new bridge, he said.

After the notification has been submitted, the DPW will await word from the Department of Environmental Affairs on

whether additional environmental study is needed. The waiver of any additional environmental

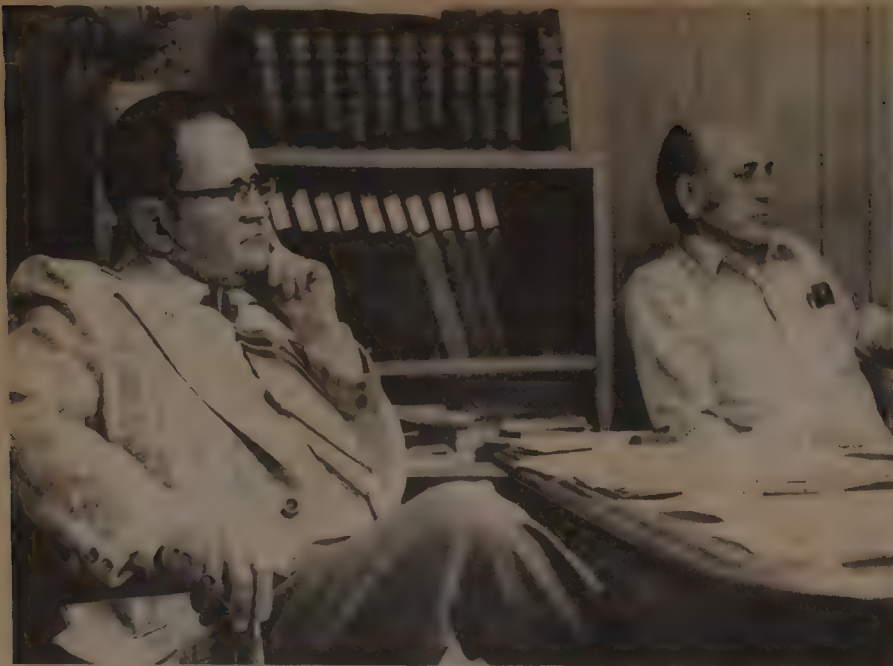
study would give the DPW the green light to go ahead with design for the project.



Mark Mitchell

WOMEN'S LIB angle is introduced into production of "Peter Pan" staged by Grade 2 class at St. Mary's School in Lee. Distaff pirates are protesting second-

class treatment accorded women. Production put on by 34 pupils of Ann McCasland will be repeated for town's elderly.



John S. Egan

NEW SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN William M. Murphy, at left, hears arguments at hearing on whether the liquor license of the Player Piano Restaurant should be suspended. Newly elected Selectman John E. DeVarennes listens at Murphy's right.



John S. Egan

PLAYER PIANO owner Arthur Ivey tells Lee Selectmen that he has tried to cut down on disturbances at the Route 102 establishment. Ivey's attorney, Gerald A. Denmark, listens at left. The hearing was last night.

Lee board threatens liquor-permit suspension

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Selectmen last night warned the owner of the Player Piano restaurant that if police are called to settle any more disturbances or complaints there, except in unusual circumstances, temporary suspension of the establishment's liquor license will result.

"I'm telling you if there's one more fight or disturbance and the police get a call, we will close the place down," said Selectmen Chairman William M. Murphy to Arthur Ivey, owner of the Player Piano.

The Selectmen had scheduled the hearing with Ivey on whether the establishment's license should be revoked, in response to a request for a hearing from acting police Chief Edward J. Finnegan. Finnegan had noted in a letter to the board that police had been called to the establishment four times between March 17 and May 5 to settle disturbances or com-

plaints.

"We expect business people to take care of their businesses," said Murphy, "unless it's something extremely out of the ordinary."

Murphy, who has entered the final year of his first three-year term on the board, was sitting at his first meeting as Selectmen chairman. The senior member of the board customarily moves into the chairman's seat. Selectman John E. DeVarennes, who was elected to the office Monday, was sitting at his first meeting.

Ivey, who attributed most of the problems that have occurred at the restaurant to "three or four individuals who cause my establishment and others like it a great deal of trouble," asked for an exception to the Selectmen's threatened action.

"I've tried to keep these people out," said Ivey. "But if one of them comes in and starts busting up the furniture, I'm going to call the police."

In the past year, Ivey said he had taken steps to eliminate problems at the Player Piano by warning certain individuals not to come into the bar, pressing charges after one incident, and spending more time in the bar at night. He said he had also eliminated peanuts as bar fare because they were sometimes used as projectiles.

In reviewing the four occasions that police were called to the bar between March 17 and May 5, Ivey complained that on one occasion the police hadn't been called and on another occasion the police had been slow to remove someone who was creating a disturbance.

"There's been no attempt by the police to contact me personally, except when I call them down there," Ivey said. "I get upset because I'm not even allowed the courtesy of a phone call — 'Mr. Ivey, we've got a problem.' I'm not a professional in the business of handling disturbances. They are."

Selectman DeVarennes countered: "There seems to be a lot of criticism of the Police Department for not helping you solve your problem. Did you call them? I think that's unwarranted criticism."

When Ivey responded that he had talked police officers on an informal basis, DeVarennes said, "My reason for raising the question is this — if every bar in town had the kind of problems that yours has, we would have to quadruple the force to handle the problems."

After the hearing, attorney Samuel Lane presented to the Selectmen an application for transfer of the Player Piano liquor license to Thomas J. Cadorette of Lenox. The Selectmen told the attorney and his client that the license is already pledged to David Macke and that the pledge would have to be cleared before a transfer could take place. The board scheduled a hearing on the application to transfer the license for June 5 at 8 p.m.



Chiera photos

The Lee Senior Citizens' Center was formally opened July 10, and activities at the event included the following (pictured clockwise): an appearance by Corrine Conte, wife of Congressman Silvio O. Conte; speeches by Council on Aging official Dominic Biasin and Selectman William Murphy; an accordion concert by Anne Millet of Great Ray Sexton's eight-piece orchestra and a slide show presented by South Lee artist Lester J. Clarke. The activities were attended by 125 people.

Lee has 500 town flags made

LEE — A total of 500 town flags with the town seal, a large eagle and the words "Honor, Justice and Peace" will be on sale this summer to commemorate this community's bicentennial year.



Lee flag is predominately light blue.

John Farina of Landers Road presented the design to the Selectmen Monday night. The board then voted to order 500 flags at \$5.30 per flag, at a total cost of \$2,650. They rejected an idea to order 1,000 flags at \$4 each at a total cost of \$4,000.

The retail price of the 18-inch by 12-inch flag has not been set.

The flags will have the same design on both sides. Farina said that 15 colors were used in making the flags.

There is a nine-week delivery time on the flags, meaning they will not be on sale before the middle of May.

In other business involving the bicentennial celebration, the board met with Shaun Kelly, who is heading a committee to choose an appropriate monument to mark the town's 200th anniversary. Kelly, who lives in Lenox but is part of the family that owns Kelly's Funeral Home, asked that people with ideas on the monument contact him. The monument will probably be erected in the Congregational Church park.

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Fountain restoration possible as a Lee bicentennial project

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — The cost of relocating and fixing the old marble fountain in the Congregational Church park will be between \$750 and \$1,000, a member of the town's Bicentennial History Study Committee said Monday.

The rejuvenation of the fountain has been proposed as a special project during the town's bicentennial year.

The cost estimate was offered by Walter Ingram, who said he had consulted with a number of firms about the cost. The fountain would be moved from the center of the park to the southern half of the park, the Selectmen said.

The \$750 to \$1,000 figure includes the provision that the manpower for the job be provided by the town's Department of Public Works.

If the Selectmen and the committee decide to go ahead with the project, the actual work would be done over the summer and would be completed before the town's bicentennial birthday party on Sept. 4.

In other business Monday night, the Selectmen:

- Received notification from the state Office of Planning that the town's application for a \$45,000 federal community block grant had been approved. The state office acts in purely an advisory capacity on the block grants. The town will not hear the final fate of its grant application for at least six months. The money, if received, will be used for interior and exterior renovations to the Railroad Street office building.

- Scheduled the annual hearing on the town's dog restraint ordinance for May 2.

- Received from the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission the approval for a beer and wine license for Touhey's Fish Market on Main Street.

- Heard a progress report on the southern wing of the Central School. John E. DeVarennes, chairman of the School Building Committee, said work was right on schedule for the opening of the wing for the start of school in September. The board also approved bills of \$103,566.15 to George E. Emerson, Inc., the general contractor, and of \$475 to Joseph E. Francese Construction Co., a subcontractor. However, the board said Francese had not yet adequately completed work on the rear portion of the school and the board held up payment of



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

Fountain in Lee's Congregational Church

the rest of the money owed him.

- Scheduled the informational town meeting to discuss the warrant for the annual town meeting for April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The annual town meeting will be held May 12.

- Received permission from the state to put up speed limit signs on Maple Street from Route 20 to Orchard Street. The street will now be zoned for 20, 25 or 30 miles per hour.

- Were told by Berkshire Cable Television Co. that the company would offer rebates for people without service during the power outage three weeks ago. But the company said it had no way of knowing which houses were without power or for how long. Houses without power for more than 24 hours were asked to notify the company to qualify for the rebate. The rebate would be 25 cents for each day without power, the letter from the company stated.

Lee's Birthday Bash Begins



Ready and waiting: 142 runners lined up for the six-mile and three-mile road race Sunday. At least three runners finished in an ambulance, as the 93 degree heat took its toll. Wenk Photo



A quilt for all seasons: Lee Library Association president John Dolan is presented the Bicentennial quilt by Dee Dee Fraser, one of 29 Lee women who wove the fabric. The quilt will be on permanent display in the Lee Library.

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Henry Greiner
Chairman of School Committee



Joseph F. Puleri
Questions possible conflict

Possible conflict seen on board

By John S. Egan

LEE — School Committee member Joseph F. Puleri questioned last night whether Chairman Henry Greiner's employment as a field representative for the Massachusetts Association of School Committees might not pose a conflict of interest.

"The chairman is being paid a salary by the MASC to which the School Committee pays dues," Puleri said. "I'm not bringing any charges, I'm just raising the question. I'd like an opinion from town counsel."

Puleri said he also wanted to know whether committee member Joseph C. Savery's term as MASC president and William Tyer's membership on an MASC legislative committee posed any conflicts of interest.

The Lee School Committee pays \$800 each year to belong to the MASC. Greiner is one of the MASC's two field representatives, charged with working with school committees around the state. He immediately pro-

tested he could see no possible conflict.

"The executive director of the MASC is on a school committee," he said, "as is the associate director. You've got to be a member of a school committee to do the kind of work that I do."

Greiner said that the dues paid by school committees make up only part of the MASC budget. He said he could not see any circumstance where he might gain personally from a local committee vote on a matter pertaining to the MASC.

Clarification

"I'd like a clarification too," he said. "I'd like to know if there's a conflict with Bill Tyer because he works for New England telephone and we use telephones in the schools or with Joe Puleri because he works for Eaton Paper and we use their products."

Tyer commented that he thought Greiner's employment as a field representative and Savery's service as president of

the MASC gave the town of Lee more access to educational information than it had in the past.

"I'm sure town counsel will find there's no conflict of interest," he said. "And I think we should keep in mind that the fact that we have a president and a field rep for the MASC puts us right on the doorstep of Anrig's office."

Gregory Anrig is state commissioner of education.

Greiner said this morning that he had been unable to contact Town Counsel James P. Dooney but that Arthur Stein, attorney for the School Committee, had gone over the conflict of interest law this morning and found no conflict.

"I've been employed by the MASC for nine months," he said. "It does seem awfully odd that three weeks before the election the subject is brought up."

Other business

In another matter, the School Committee accepted the resignation of Aldina Esoldi, a 3rd-grade teacher at the Central School.

Budget subcommittee Chairman James H. Dolan said the subcommittee recommended that the committee not reappoint a replacement to fill the vacancy that will be created by Mrs. Esoldi's departure.

The School Committee also authorized James Gralla, occupational education coordinator, to apply to the Division of Occupational Education for about \$7,500 in available federal "seed funds" that would be used for the establishment of a landscape maintenance program. The program would work in conjunction with the greenhouse program at the high school, Gralla said.

The School Committee also authorized the superintendent to send a letter to the Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative giving it permission to apply for any available residual "seed funds" that might be available next year to the Lee School system.

Lee will open 200th birthday this weekend

LEE — This town's 200th birthday party begins this weekend with dedications, contests and dances, and will be highlighted by the Sept. 4 parade, firemen's muster and fireworks display.

This weekend's activities will begin Saturday afternoon at 2 with a series of dedications at the Congregational Church park, located next to the Town Hall. The ceremonies will begin with the burial and dedication of the Lee time capsule, which was prepared by a high school summer school class. The capsule, donated by the Kelly Funeral Home, contains 1976 memorabilia of Lee and is slated to be reopened during the town's tricentennial in 2076.

Fountain restoration

Following that ceremony, the 78-year-old marble fountain at the northern end of the park will be turned on for the first time in 34 years. The restoration of the fountain was sponsored by the Lee Savings Bank.

Other Saturday afternoon dedications will include the unveiling of a plaque from the Aus-tonnoog Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution proclaiming the park the first campsite of the Housatonic Indians, and the official dedication of a quilt handknit by Lee residents that includes 20 scenes of the town. An exhibition of old quilts will also be held at the Congregational Church.

Sunday festivities will begin

at 9 a.m. Events will be highlighted by AAU marathon for both professionals and amateurs. The races will begin at 2 p.m. at the park, and will include both a six-mile and three-mile course. The six-mile course begins at the park, goes up West Park Street to Devon Road, down Devon Road to West Road, along a stretch of Route 7 to Summer Street, and down Summer Street to Main Street and back to the park. The three-mile course begins at the park, goes up West Park Street to Spring Street, across Spring Street to Summer Street, and back to the park along Main Street. There are tentative plans to hold sprint races at the conclusions of the marathons. Application forms are available at the Lee Library, the Chamber of Commerce information booth and on the day of the race.

Beginning at 4 p.m. at the Athletic Field on Housatonic Street, the Lee Lions Club will hold an old-fashioned family picnic, featuring food, drink and several contests. Among the contests will be a beard competition and several types of races.

The music will begin at 5 p.m., when the Lee High School Dance Band will entertain the picnickers at the Athletic Field. Rock and roll will take over at 7 p.m., when "Vices and Habits" will play at a block dance in front of the Town Hall. The dance will end at 11 p.m.

Lee Bicentennial To End With A Bang

LEE — In what is expected to be the largest single event in this town's 200 years, 10 divisions, comprised of a total of 117 entries, will take part in the mammoth bicentennial parade here Sunday, beginning at 12 noon. The parade will take over three hours to wind its way from the corner of Center and High Streets to the Athletic Field on Housatonic Street, via Main Street.

The display will include almost every element of Americana imaginable: marching bands, soldiers, floats, antique cars, and fire companies, many of which will later take part in the firemen's muster at the Athletic Field. The parade will be led by parade marshal Mrs. Maria Y. Viale, who, at 99 years, is the town's oldest resident. Mrs. Viale will be 100 years old in early October.

The firemen's muster is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. and a fireworks display at 9 p.m. at the high school will conclude this town's birthday celebrations, which began in April with a bicentennial ball. (See pages 3B-6B of this week's Courier for a special look at last weekend's events.)

The day's activities will begin in quieter fashion at 9 a.m. with an ecumenical service in the town park.

The parade roster is as follows:

DIVISION I

Blue Knights Motor Cycle Club; Parade Marshall, Maria Viale; VFW Post 893 Color Guard (Lee), James Burt; Sons of VFW No. 854 (Lee); Lee Selectmen; Cary's Cadets Drum Corps, Bristol, Conn.; Tyringham Fire Department; Seagrave Engine 2, Lee; Kimberly Clark Float; Marine M.P. Color Guard, Boston; Lee Ambulance Squad; South Deerfield Muster Team; Ralph Juliano; Rogers Family Circus; Bicentennial Committee Float; Bicentennial Committee, Chester; Chester Muster Team; Lee High School Band; Becket Fire Department; Longmeadow Fire Department.

DIVISION II

Northwest Detachment Marine Corps League, Salisbury, Conn.; Centurions Drum & Bugle Corps, Enfield, Conn.; Housatonic Fire Department; Mississippi Pig Roast Float; Mounted Massachusetts State Police; Monson Bellmen, Monson; 1928 Dodge, Morgan Davis; Hinsdale Muster Team; Whately Muster Team; Cary's Kid-Dets Drum Corps, Bristol, Conn.; Egremont Fire Department; Local 78 Paper-makers Union Float; Readsboro Muster Team; Hatfield Muster Team; Wilbraham Muster Team.

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Log Home Company Plans Expansion

GT. BARRINGTON — The New England Log Homes plant on Bridge Street plans to expand its facilities here and increase the number of employees by 25 or 30.

The firm, which presently has 75 employees, plans a \$250,000 expansion of its plant and an addition of \$150,000 worth of new equipment.

Construction is expected to begin within the next two months if the weather and townspeople prove cooperative according to Vito M. Vizzello, the company's president.

In July about 30 residents of the Bridge Street area signed a petition objecting to the noise, dirt and lights associated with the log home

manufacturing company. The Selectmen reacted to the petition by saying the area was properly zoned for the manufacturing company and that its overall impact on the community was good since it created jobs.

The plant is now four to five months behind schedule because of the increased popularity of log homes as full-time residences. Log homes have become especially popular because of their natural insulation qualities which make them relatively inexpensive to heat.

Vizzello also said in a letter to the Selectmen read at Monday night's meeting that he would seek to alleviate the problems which prompted the complaint from the neighbors.

The Selectmen commented that the business has a \$600,000 annual payroll and spends \$400,000 a year on supplies.

Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce president Frank C. Zolli attended Monday's meeting and spoke in favor of the log home firm.



Harris Photo
Lee began celebrations of its 200th birthday last weekend, including the reactivation of the fountain in the Town park. The marble fountain, originally donated to the town in 1899 by the Loyal Temperance Union, has been inoperative for several years. The renovation project was sponsored by the Lee Savings Bank. A special four-page section on the Lee bicentennial appears this week on pages 3B-6B.

Music Inn Eyes Fall Concerts

STOCKBRIDGE — For the first time in recent memory, Music Inn is planning on two or possibly three post-Labor Day concerts.

Roger Abramson, the Newburyport promoter who has produced this year's Twilight Series at Music Inn, said yesterday that he has not yet booked acts for the additional concerts, but hopes to "put together a maximum of two or three shows" at the Hathorne Road facility in late September or early October.

"Now that we've finally built up our momentum," Abramson said from his Newburyport office, "we'd like to do a few more shows." He said that since no contracts have yet been signed, he was not at liberty to name the artists he is trying to book for the Music Inn dates.

Sunday's concert at Music Inn, featuring the David Bromberg Band and the New Riders of the Purple Sage, was the last advertised concert of the season. That concert—which drew 4,900 people—prompted Music Inn neighbor Anthony Murad to write to the Stockbridge Selectmen criticizing the management of both the music and the crowd. Murad said that he had been disturbed by noise, trespassers and dust at his home on Hawthorne Road. He said that Sunday's concert presented further evidence that Music Inn cannot control the number of people drawn to its concerts.

Murad and a number of other neighbors have a nuisance suit pending against Music Inn in Berkshire Superior Court. That suit charges that noise and crowds generated by the Twilight Series have made it impossible for nearby residents to enjoy the privacy of their homes.

Those neighbors recently sought to join the suit brought against Music Inn by the town of Stockbridge, but

were turned down because, according to Selectman John A. Beacco Jr., the town's suit is based on claims that Music Inn has violated the town's zoning ordinances.

Earlier this summer, the town sought to have Berkshire Superior Court Judge Paul Tamburello issue a temporary injunction which would have stopped all activities at Music Inn until

the zoning case could be heard in full. That request was denied, however, and Music Inn was able to begin its season as planned on July 4 with a concert featuring jazz pianist Herbie Hancock.

Seymour Barash, the New York City attorney who has served as Music Inn spokesman during this most recent dispute between the

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W. Stockbridge Board Considers Town Curfew

WEST STOCKBRIDGE — Chief of Police James Fallon told the Selectmen Tuesday night that he would like to see a curfew imposed for the town in order to restrict youngsters from congregating on Main Street after dark. Fallon explained the store owners on Main Street have complained of "garbage" and "smashed windows" being discovered in the morning, as a result of loitering by the youths.

"Ever since the town put up benches, kids have been hanging around the Main Street. These kids are 12, 13, and 14 years old, and they hang around until 12:30 or 1:00 at night," Fallon noted.

Edith Johnston of Albany Road told the Board that she also thinks the kids are a problem. "They're kind of taken over," she said, adding that she often has difficulty getting through the door of one of the stores on Main Street because there are "bicycles all over the sidewalk."

Both Chairman Robert Burke and Selectmen Joseph

G. Roy Jr. were in favor of a curfew, though Burke said, "I think this is something that we should do some homework on, rather than overreact." Burke asked Fallon to check what other towns have done in similar situations.

Several months ago the Selectmen discussed the fact that there is very little in the way of entertainment for the town's youth.

In other business Tuesday night, the Selectmen:

—Heard from Zygmunt Makarski's attorney, Paul R. Corbett of Great Barrington, who asked that the Board act upon his client's liquor license as soon as possible. Makarski wants to build a restaurant and bar at the site of his auto body shop on Route 41 and applied to the Board for a liquor license three weeks ago. The Selectmen approved the license, but did not sign it, and later told Makarski they would not sign it until he complied with a provision cited by the Board of Health. Corbett presented the Selectmen with

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WEATHER

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
Aug. 25	43	70	
26	42	79	
27	45	84	
28	58	92	
29	65	88	
30	64	81	
31	59	75	

New shop in the neighborhood

Antique business logical step for restorer

By John Egan

SOUTH LEE — A Dutch grandfather who worked as a wood finisher gave David Hubregsen an early introduction to the world of fine furniture and woods. A love affair started. Hubregsen bought his first antique, a tilt-top table, at the age of eight.

Last week Hubregsen opened his first antique store. Located in a two-story brick building on Main Street in South Lee, the store is named Aardenburg Antiques.

Aardenburg, Hubregsen explains, is the name of the town in the Netherlands where his grandfather and grandmother lived before they came to the United States.

Hubregsen, a native of Rochester, N.Y., has lived in the Pittsfield area for about the last year. After majoring in art history at Syracuse University, he did graduate studies in the field at Syracuse and at Cornell. Before coming to the Berkshires, he worked for an antique dealer in Albany, N.Y. It was then that he got the itch to open his own shop.

Shop has company

The building which houses the business is a brick structure that is about 170 years old, Hubregsen estimates. He says he decided to buy the building because he wanted to restore it and because the building was well located. The shop is neighbored on one side by a shop that specializes in antique musical

instruments and on the other side by another antique shop and a store that sells antiquarian books.

Although the shop has been open only seven days and Hubregsen's renovation of the building is still under way, the two large first-floor rooms are already crammed with a variety of goods. Dressed in work clothes, Hubregsen leads a visitor through the rooms.

I'd like to concentrate on building up a good collection of really good period pieces and paintings, he says. I'm particularly interested in early American furniture.

He points to a desk-secretary with large drawers below and a folding work surface and doors that open to reveal shelves above. Hubregsen explains that the piece is American, constructed of mahogany and cherry, and was built in the late 1820s.

Building collection

Sitting on top of the secretary are a number of paintings and a couple of framed prints. Hubregsen says it may take him some time to build up a collection of fine artworks but he intends to do so. At the same time, he will probably continue to enlarge his own private collection, which includes two Rembrandt etchings and one by Goya. He credits his past experience with other dealers for teaching him to look at prints with a discriminating eye.

When I worked with one dealer, he says, part of my job was handling Rembrandt prints.



John Egan

DEALER David Hubregsen displays a chair at his recently opened shop, Aardenburg Antiques, in South Lee.

It gave me a chance to examine them closely. You look at the papers that were used in 1654 and the papers that were used in the 1800s. You hold them up to the light often enough and you learn to tell the difference.

While Hubregsen dreams of someday specializing in period pieces and prints, he points out that his business is just starting.

I've got all champagne tastes and only a beer budget, he laughs.

Price range

So he has filled his shop with a variety of items that range in price from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars. One chest holds a complete set of white china. On a table are vases and a collection of hand-blown cobalt glasses. Underneath are a pair of window benches from the Federal Period. A crudely-made wind indicator - a carved wooden duck with two wings that whirl - leans in one corner.

Hubregsen says that restoring the rest of the old building on Main Street and getting the business off the ground will keep him busy for the next few months. Then he plans to get started the sideline of the antique business that originally inspired him - refinishing old furniture.

Aardenburg Antiques is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.

U.S. Fiber Corp. suspends Lee plant

LEE — The U.S. Fiber Corp. plant here, which suspended operations about two weeks ago, will remain shut down until demand for insulation in the New England area picks up again, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The Lee plant stopped operations because "it had gotten to a point where it wasn't eco-

nomical to operate," U.S. Fiber vice president Ivan Smith said yesterday from his company's headquarters in Delphos, Ohio. It may be the end of the summer before the Lee plant starts up again, Smith said.

The plant had about 10 employees working one shift when the shutdown came. Last year

as many as 26 employees were working round-the-clock shifts, but a buildup in inventory forced a temporary shutdown and a cutback in operations last January.

There have been similar work interruptions or slowdowns at the five other U.S. Fiber plants, but the Lee location is the only one to enter an ex-

tended shutdown, Smith said. The plant supplies blown-in cellulose insulation to the entire New England area.

A delay in housing starts and protracted cold weather in the Northeast are responsible for a fall-off in area market demand for insulation, Smith said.

"The new housing market is about 30 to 90 days behind schedule because of the winter," he said. "The lack of push on the part of the government has also caused a drop in consumer interest in insulation. And this is traditionally the slowest time of the year for insulation sales. It's not as bad in the rest of the country, but there are warehouses full of insulation in New England."

Smith said that the company would maintain the plant, in preparation for an upswing in demand. "We intend to stay," he said. "We have no intention of moving. We're optimistic that by the end of the summer we'll be back. Last year there was more demand than there had ever been. This year, we're going through the most serious low we've ever experienced in your section of the country."

10,000 crowd into Lee to watch one more 1976 parade, muster

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — The Lee Volunteer Fire Department helped prove that in this bicentennial year the appetites of Berkshire County residents for lively parades and competitive firemen's musters are hard to satiate.

Although the summer has seen a celebration almost every weekend since late May, the main streets here were thronged Sunday for the Lee Firemen's Muster and Parade.

Police Chief John J. Boyne estimated that the crowd was "roughly the same as last year's" 10,000 people who came to watch bands march and firemen muster, hear hawkers sell and fire engine sirens wail.

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The crowd watched the 67-unit parade and 15-team, four-event muster under skies that began clearing just as the first units started the mile-long march down Main Street to the Athletic Field on Housatonic Street.

Tyringham entries won the top two float prizes, with Fennelly and Curtin Construction Co. taking first, and the Hale family's Sunset Farms winning second place. The third prize float was sponsored by the Lee YMCA.

The parade prizes for best appearance and most men in the line of march went to Great Barrington's Hope Fire Company. The prize for the best appearing ladies auxiliary went to the Lee Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and the prize for the fire company coming the longest distance with apparatus was awarded to the Philmont, N.Y. department.

The prize for the most original parade unit went to the Tyringham Volunteer Fire Department.

This year's muster drew three more teams than last year's (which was the first held in Lee since 1961) and gave further evidence that firemen's musters are growing in popularity. A formal women's competition with six teams was held this year. And the Lenox Dale Fire Department entered its first muster competition Sunday.

It also appears that with the rise in popularity has come a rise in competitiveness. While last year's muster was marked by teams swapping tales and libations, this year's muster was marked by a fierce desire by some teams to win and a couple of scuffles at the main fire station at the post-muster celebration.

A malfunctioning starter's pistol forced officials to begin using a whistle to start teams halfway through the ladder contest. But that didn't seem fair to the Whately team, which protested. The protest was denied, and the team's seventh-place finish stood.

And in the midnight alarm contest — an event where team members must put on boots, coats and hats, climb on a truck and drive 50 yards to the finish line — teams five times took off towards the finish line with one member still dressing. A team is disqualified if all the members are not on the truck.

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South Deerfield scored the most points Sunday, trailed by Lee and Stephentown which tied for second. Whately was third. The sportsmanship trophy went to the Unionville, Conn. team.

There was plenty of food and beer at the muster, a sharp contrast to last year when supplies were extinguished after 90 minutes and firemen had to scramble to area food stores to restock.

One of the afternoon's most popular attractions was a booth sponsored by the Lee Pee-wee-Junior Football League where town luminaries sat beneath a bucket of water. For 25 cents, a person with a grudge or pride in his aim could fire three softballs at a target connected to the bucket of water.

Bandstand idea is scrapped by Lee Kiwanis

LEE — The Kiwanis Club has been forced by costs to scrap its Bicentennial project of building a bandstand at the center of the Congregational Church park.

The club was willing to spend about \$7,000 or \$8,000 for the bandstand, but the bids came in at nearly double that amount, President Carl Shirley said today.

The club has not yet adopted another project.

The bandstand or gazebo would have been large enough to accommodate 25 or 30 people and would have been made out of wood, or wood reinforced by concrete and steel.

In a formal letter to the town's Selectmen, read at Monday night's meeting, the club said it had "voted to abandon our bandstand project for the park because construction bids doubled the estimated cost."



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

RACING in the five-man ladder climbing contest at Sunday's muster is the team from Keene, N.H.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

TYRINGHAM VOLUNTEER Fire Department won the parade prize for most original costumes.

Picnic site changed to high school field

LEE — The location of the town's June 26 picnic for retirees from local businesses and industries has been changed to Lee High School.

William Murphy, who is in charge of the picnic, said the site was changed because the high school affords better facilities than the town athletic field, the original site.

Murphy also said that anyone who has not yet responded to the invitations should contact the Selectmen's office at the Town Hall.



Janice G. Smith



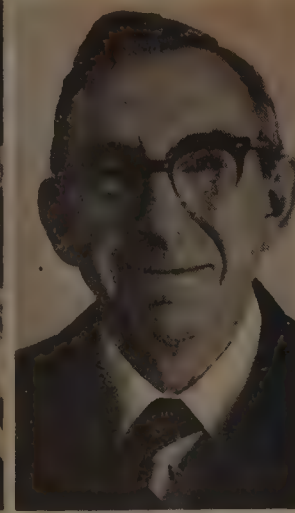
Joseph C. Savery



Henry G. Greiner



William F. Derrick



Clyde A. Gleason

Lee elects Janice Smith as collector; incumbents returned to school board

LEE — In the most important contest in yesterday's annual elections, Janice G. Smith, a Republican and relative newcomer to Lee, was elected town collector. She defeated Democratic candidate Mary I. Serra by a vote of 750 to 527. Independent candidate James M. Graham received 199 votes.

Mrs. Smith, who announced her candidacy early this year, said she had knocked on most doors in Lee in an effort to make herself known to voters. A University of Connecticut graduate, she emphasized that her background in statistics and book-keeping would be an advantage to her as tax collector.

In the race for two three-year seats on the School Committee, incumbents Joseph C. Savery and Henry G. Greiner were returned to office. Only 19 votes separated Greiner's total from that of Republican challenger Nancy Warden. Mrs. Warden said this morning that she would not ask for a recount.

For Housing Authority, incumbent Clyde A. Gleason won another five-year seat with 942

votes to 378 for Thomas R. Garrity. In the only other contest, William F. Derrick, incumbent assessor, received 989 votes to 414 for Clyde A. Gleason.

Seventeen town meeting representatives were elected for three-year terms, and one for a two-year term and another for a one-year term. In the only contest, three incumbents were returned to office in District 4. The defeated challenger in that district was William F. Powers, a former district representative who is chairman of the Conservation Commission.

The high vote-getter for the day was Henry M. Donahoe, who won 1,193 votes as he was re-elected to the position of moderator.

The results:

Moderator Elect 1, 1 yr.	
Henry M. Donahoe	1193
Selectman Elect 1, 3 yrs.	
John E. DeVarnes	1075
Town collector Elect 1, 3 yrs.	
Mary I. Serra	527
Janice G. Smith	750
James M. Graham	199

Assessor
Elect 1, 3 yrs.
William F. Derrick
Clyde A. Gleason

School Committee
Elect 2, 3 yrs.
Henry G. Greiner
Joseph C. Savery
Nancy A. Warden

Board of Health
Elect 1, 3 yrs.
Lester J. Clark

Planning Board
Elect 1, 5 yrs.
Dana P. LaDuke

Housing Authority
Elect 1, 3 yrs.
Clyde A. Gleason
Thomas R. Garrity

District 1 Representative
Elect 2, 3 yrs.
William F. Tyler
Bonnie Viner

District 2 Representative
Elect 3, 3 yrs.
James Bianco
John Philpott
Thomas Unsworth

District 3 Representative
Elect 3, 3 yrs.
Dominic A. Biasin
John B. Giarolo
Mayme Peltier

District 3 Representative
Elect 1, 1 yr.
George Allen

District 4 Representative
Elect 3, 3 yrs.
Edward Briggs

District 5 Representative
Elect 3, 3 yrs.
Richard Burns
Dolores Loring
Margeurite Tristany

District 6 Representative
Elect 3, 3 yrs.
Charlotte Davis
William Derrick
Martin Deely

District 6 Representative
Elect 1, 2 yrs.
John Glomb

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Lee Democrat plans to run for Fitzpatrick Senate seat

James Lloyd Burns Jr., a 30-year-old South Lee man, has taken out nomination papers to run against incumbent state Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick, R-Stockbridge, this fall.

Burns, a Democrat, is seeking his party's nomination as candidate in the Berkshire state Senate district. He is the second candidate to announce his intention to seek Fitzpatrick's seat. Last month Nelson E. Letendre of Pittsfield announced he was seeking the Republican nomination to run against Fitzpatrick.

Burns, the current chairman of the Lee Planning Board, said he had decided to run because he wants "to participate in drafting the laws which affect our local communities."

Sells real estate

"I would devote my full time to the job," said Burns, who is now an associate realtor with Isgood Realty Inc. Apparently referring to Fitzpatrick's ownership of the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Burns said "I'm not trying to run a very well-established business back here and at the same time trying to perform a job in Boston."

An issue that separates him from Fitzpatrick, he said, is Fitzpatrick's opposition to the bottle bill that would have banned the use of non-returnable bottles and imposed deposits of 5 and 10 cents on beverage con-



John S. Egan

James L. Burns Jr.
Favors bottle bill

a tourist area."

Burns, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Burns of Pittsfield, attended Pittsfield schools and graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree in natural resource economics. Since then he has worked in many areas of government.

Worked for BCDC

From 1972 to 1974, he was research director of the Berkshire County Development Commission. He oversaw the publication of two studies that won awards from the National Association of Chambers of Commerce. One was a 246-page study of North Adams that was prepared for an industry thinking of locating there. The other was the 1972 edition of the Community Data Book for the Berkshires, a 117-page compilation of economic, geographical and social statistics about the county.

He worked from 1974-1976 as assistant superintendent of the Lee Department of Public Works and also was employed by the Monterey Board of Assessors during that period. He was the Berkshire County Development Commission's delegate to the Transportation Advisory Group from 1972 to 1976. He has been a member from 1976 to the present of the Regional Planning Commission's advisory committee for the "208 Water Quality Management Program."

"I'm definitely opposed to the stand Fitzpatrick has taken," Burns said. "I can't see him as a representative of this county bowing to what are interests from the other end of the state. It seems he's going contrary to the idea of Berkshire County as

Ms. Tristany heads Lee school board

LEE — Marguerite M. Tristany was elected chairman of the Lee School Committee last night, succeeding Henry G. Greiner who has served in that post for two years.

Miss Tristany, who was nominated by committeeman William F. Tyer, was first elected to the School Committee in 1971 and is serving her third three-year term.

Miss Tristany, a nurse, is employed as a coordinator of in-service education at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. The only career educator on the School Committee, she is also a past secretary of low-incidence educational needs of the Berkshire Collaborative and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Pittsfield regional office of the State Department of Education.



Marguerite M. Tristany

Greiner, in stepping down from the post, congratulated Miss Tristany and thanked the committee members for their cooperation during his two years as chairman.

Reappointments to a number of subcommittees were tabled until the next meeting so that Miss Tristany could review the list of names.

In other business at the meeting, James D. Gralla, director of occupational education at Lee High School, briefed the committee on a proposal submitted to the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative for funds to implement a career education information bank in the Lee school system.

The proposal, which was made up by a planning team comprised of Gralla and guidance counselors John Brady and William Chisholm, would utilize part of a \$34,000 grant for career education received by the collaborative last year from the state Department of Education.

The plan, according to Gralla, would consist of hooking a trunk

line to the Time Share Computer System, a nationwide information bank, to the guidance office at Lee High School in September for use by students in all grade levels to obtain career-education information.

The proposal, which would be supported totally during the first year by the collaborative grant funds, would also include the hiring of a part-time para-professional to assist students in the use and interpretation of computer information. Gralla said that an ongoing study of the system would be conducted during the first year and monthly reports would be submitted to the School Committee on the feasibility of the system for use in succeeding years.

Gralla said the system would also be available for use by other segments of the community, such as the Adult Education Program. Similar plans, he said, are being submitted by the other three members of the collaborative, Lenox, South Berkshire and Berkshire Hills School Districts.

Helen Keenan is elected to head UCF drive in Lee

LEE — Helen Keenan of Franklin Street, has been elected campaign chairman of the 1978 Lee United Community Fund. The organization held its annual meeting and election of officers at the East Lee Steak House Thursday.

Mrs. Keenan, a former PTA president, becomes the first woman to head a United Community Fund drive in Lee, according to Henry T. Zukowski, chairman of the nominating committee. She succeeds outgoing drive chairman Bruce Callahan.

Callahan, a quality engineer at the Mead Corp.'s Specialty Papers Division here, Thursday was elected Community Fund president for 1978. He succeeds Marie Glomb.

Also elected at the annual meeting were Richard Salinetti, vice president; Bruce Lorange, secretary; Joanne Prince, treasurer, and Avon Lancto Di-Simoni, assistant fund drive chairman.

Drive falls short

Callahan, as 1977 campaign chairman, report that the fund drive had this year raised \$46,506, falling almost \$6,000 short its \$52,500 goal. He said that a change in collection cards at the town's major industries had been a factor in the fall-off. While contributions from industries located in Lee were about the same as last year, many nonresidents this year used the new cards to designate contributions to go to fund drives outside of Lee.

Elected to three-year Community Fund Council terms were Marie Glomb, Helen Keenan, Bruce Lorange, Joanne Prince, Richard Salinetti, Marjorie Szweczak, Joseph Toole and D.B. Wilkinson. James Wadsworth was elected to a two-year council term and Steven Bort was elected to serve one year.

Outgoing president Marie Glomb noted that this year the Community Fund had taken on a new agency for allocations. The Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad would be the 13th organization to be annually granted a Community Fund bequest.

Members at the meeting voted to approve a total of



Helen Keenan

Bruce Callahan

\$44,855 in allocations for 1978. Outgoing treasurer Janice Smith said that the first quarter allocations would go out that afternoon.

Allocations

The following organizations will receive these allocations this year: American Red Cross Berkshire County Chapter, \$8,000; Southern Berkshire YMCA, \$8,000; Visiting Nurse Association of Lee, \$5,500; Berk-

shire County Center for Families and Children, \$4,200; Boy Scouts of America Great Trails Council, \$4,000; Girl Scouts Western Massachusetts Council, \$3,500; Retarded Citizens Association of Berkshire County, \$2,970; Salvation Army, \$2,475; Berkshire Mental Health Center, \$1,900; Children's Protective Services, \$1,760; Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County, \$1,500; Goodwill Industries, \$500 and Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad, \$500.

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Rare Fern Discovered At Cobble

by Bob Rathbun



Anthony Boutard, naturalist at Bartholomew's Cobble, who discovered the Scott's Spleenwort at the Ashley Falls area on April 21.

ASHLEY FALLS — A rare hybrid fern has been discovered here at Bartholomew's Cobble by the new naturalist-warden Anthony Boutard. The fern, an example of Scott's Spleenwort, is only found in a few areas of the United States.

Boutard, who accidentally came across the fern on April 21, said it is the first specimen of its kind to appear at the Cobble in 25 years.

"The possibility of this hybrid being formed is about one-in-a-million," Boutard said. "The conditions and the timing had to be just right, otherwise it could not have happened."

Scott's Spleenwort is created by the crossing of spores from an Ebony Spleenwort and a Walking Fern. There is only a very short time during the year that the spores from these two ferns can come together, and it is not something that happens very often.

"This hybrid is not fertile and therefore cannot reproduce itself," Boutard said. "When it appears it may live and remain healthy for many years, but it will not be able to reproduce itself and another one may not be seen for a long time."

The last example of Scott's Spleenwort was discovered at the Cobble in 1953 by the late S. Waldo Bailey, the first warden of Bartholomew's Cobble, and Bouton Cobb. It is still living and is viewed with much interest by the many pteridologists (fern enthusiasts) who visit the Cobble annually. Another one had been discovered in 1918 by Bailey and Eric Hoffman.

Scott's Spleenwort is named after Robert Scott, who originally came across it in the 1860's. The first example of it in this area was found in Sheffield in 1896. It is one of only three naturally occurring fern hybrids to be found in the northeastern United States.

According to Boutard, this new fern is at least two or three years old. "It's been here for a few years," he said, "nobody happened to come across it before. It's just luck that I happened to see it." Boutard, who just took over at the Cobble this year, discovered the fern less than two weeks after starting work there.

Anyone wishing to take a look at this rare fern can do so any day of the week between April 15 and October 15. Besides Scott's Spleenwort the Cobble boasts of 41 other species of ferns, 740 species of plants, 493 species of wild-

flowers, 95 different kinds of trees, shrubs and vines, 61 different mushrooms, 30 types of lichen and nine mosses.

Bartholomew's Cobble, with its unique combination of limestone knolls and hemlock woodland, is an ideal spot for the growth of both acidic and sub-acidic loving plants. It is also a popular flyway, acting as a temporary and permanent home for many different species of birds. The Cobble is comprised of 167 acres and has been a National Natural Landmark since 1971.



Scott's Spleenwort found recently at Bartholomew's Cobble.

Lee board fires DPW member for attending regional meeting

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Selectmen last night fired a member of the Board of the Department of Public Works who had attended a meeting in Pittsfield on regional water problems after the Selectmen said they would not accept an invitation to the meeting and that the town "would not get involved in any regional plans."

After going into two executive sessions, the Selectmen voted unanimously to remove George C. Wheeler from the DPW board for "defying the wishes of the board not to attend the March 29 meeting with Pittsfield Mayor Brindle."

In another matter that came before the Selectmen last night, they also indicated their displeasure with a second town official. He is Tax Collector C. Marcel Brunell, who has declined an invitation from the Selectmen to meet with them to discuss uncollected accounts.

In the Wheeler case, a March 27 meeting of the DPW board chose Wheeler as

regionalization that Pittsfield mayor Brindle had called for the towns of Dalton, Lanesboro, Lenox and Lee to discuss mutual concerns.

Later on the night of March 27, the DPW board was called in to the Selectmen's meeting and informed by Select-

men Chairman Joseph J. Castronova that they had rejected Brindle's invitation.

Castronova said last night he had made it clear that DPW members were not to attend the meeting either.

A report in The Berkshire Eagle on the Pittsfield meeting noted that Wheeler was among those attending and that he would "make a report back to the DPW on the meeting." No other public comments by Wheeler were reported.

One reason for the Selectmen's strong action last night, according to one source, was that praise for the town's stand against regionalization turned to criticism when it appeared the Selectmen and the DPW were following two different courses.

Last night the Selectmen called Wheeler, DPW Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo, DPW Chairman Louis Naventi and board member David Parker into a

Lee Selectmen fire DPW member

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closed session to discuss the problem. That executive session ended with an announcement that no decision on a "possible disciplinary action against a DPW member had been reached."

The decision to remove Wheeler followed an executive session of the Selectmen. Castronova said that the move "had not been a rash one" and that the Selectmen had deliberated two weeks before making it.

In a prepared statement, Wheeler said this morning that he hadn't seen the letter from the Selectmen removing him from the DPW but that he "was aware from our meeting last night that the Se-

lectmen were extremely displeased with my participation in the meeting held at Mayor Brindle's office."

"The Selectmen accuse me of acting in defiance of a public stand and a legal vote taken by the Board of Selectmen and imply that as a result of my attendance the Selectmen have been publicly embarrassed," the statement said. "I referred them to the minutes of the March 29 DPW meeting when the DPW unanimously voted to send me to the meeting. I told the Selectmen that I believed my responsibility to the DPW required me to attend."

"The Selectmen did not agree with my position and asked me to resign. Inasmuch as I believed my actions were in

keeping with my oath of office, I declined to submit my resignation."

The Selectmen, in a letter to Brunell, said they "were extremely disappointed that he hadn't come to a scheduled meeting."

They pointed out that Brunell, who has four weeks remaining in his term of office, is required by town bylaw to attend meetings that are requested by the Selectmen.

"I think it only fair to tell you," the letter said, "that if you had considered running for another term, the board would have considered litigation against you for defying the wishes of the Selectmen."



RETIRING SHOEMAKER AND SUCCESSOR, Nicholas Iorio, left, and Gino Zorzin, stand at Gino's

Shoe Service at 36 First St. Iorio retired in September after a 59-year career in Pittsfield.

Lee shoemaker bolsters Pittsfield's thinning ranks

By Mark Miller

Shoemaking and shoe repairing is a declining trade in the Berkshires and elsewhere. In the 1920s and 1930s, there were about 35 shoemakers or shoe repairers in the county and about 20 in Pittsfield alone, by Nicholas Iorio's estimate. Today, Pittsfield supports only six.

The newest of these, at 36 First St., is also in some ways the oldest. Gino Zorzin of Lee, whose career in shoe repairing spans 36 years in Lenox and Lee, bought all of Iorio's machinery and tools upon Iorio's retirement in September.

Iorio had spent 17 years on Wahconah Street before moving Nick's Shoe Service in 1942 to 150 First St. There he held forth

for 34 years in a shop in the building owned by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. When it became necessary to vacate the shop in September, he decided, at age 76 and the dean of the county's shoemakers, to retire rather than relocate.

Zorzin bought just about everything inside Iorio's shop, from the Not-Responsible-for-Goods-Left-Over-60-Days sign, an electric clock promoting Essex Rubber products ("Now Is the Time for MAGIC Rubber HEELS and SOLES"), workbenches, counters and a vintage display case made in Grand Rapids, to about a ton of special machinery and two dozen hand tools.

The machinery includes a

hammer-and-pounding machine, two leather stitchers, a sole trimmer, a lathe-like, multiuse "finisher", a three-in-one "skiver" and a shaper. Among the odd-shaped hand tools which litter Zorzin's workbench are a French hammer, pinchers, assorted leather cutters and nail cutters, lip knives and awls.

Iorio is adjusting gradually to retirement, so often as not he finds himself in the new shop so reminiscent of his old one and only a quarter-mile from it on the same side of First Street. It's located in the old Noble-Milne block south of New Wave Music, sandwiched between an anonymous Western Union room full of blinking communications machines and the Sioga Club in space which once housed part of the machine shop of Raynor's Bearings and Supplies, Inc. Iorio thinks it's a better location than he had up the street. Although there's no on-street parking outside, Zorzin notes there is ample parking in three lots within easy walking distance.

Plastic shoes

Easy walking distance is something people demand nowadays, Iorio reflects, not only for dropping off a pair of down-at-the-heels loafers but for any errand or regular trip. Which is why there is less necessity for high-quality footwear.

"There's a lot of riding in cars," he says. "So a majority of people, they don't buy good shoes. They buy plastic shoes, in other words. And kids wear sneakers. People buy cheap

shoes and then throw them away."

The trend toward footwear with built-in obsolescence began about 15 or 20 years ago, Iorio estimates. Until then, it was common to have customers with sturdier shoes bring them in to be reheelled or resoled three or four times or more per pair before the shoes themselves gave out.

It's no coincidence that Iorio and Zorzin both have Italian surnames (Zorzin's father came from a part of northern Italy near the Austrian border where vowels were dropped from the ends of names). Italian-Americans have dominated the craft in this country. Iorio began learning his trade as a 10-year-old schoolboy in Cairano in the Italian province of Avellino. After an unpaid apprenticeship and a hitch in the Italian army, he started to get paid ("about a dime a week") when he was 18 years old. Coming to New York, he worked as a ditchdigger and trolley car attendant before he landed a job making and repairing shoes. Iorio wasn't alone.

Experts

"They couldn't speak English, poor guys, but they knew how to make shoes," Iorio said of Italian shoemakers in this country after the turn of the century.

Perhaps as a result of their shoemaking expertise and the obstacles they had to overcome to ply their trade in the New World, some Italian chauvinism crops up in Iorio's view of the trade to which he devoted most of his life. Asked about the term "cobbler," he said, "Italians are the shoemakers, they call the others cobblers."

To footwear makers and restorers, "cobbler" is an offensive term, and with some reason: One dictionary gives an archaic meaning of the word as "one who does clumsy or coarse work, a botcher."

Zorzin learned his trade under the strict tutelage of his stepfather, the late Vicent Privitera of Lee, who like Iorio learned it in Italy. Privitera made shoes for Wanamaker's in New York before coming to Lee.

Lee bank makes changes in personnel

LEE — The Lee Savings Bank has announced two personnel changes that take effect today.

Peter W. Brown, who has managed the bank's Stockbridge branch since its opening in October 1974, will return to the main office as the person in charge of marketing and customer development.

Kathy A. Naventi, a native of Lee, will take over as the Stockbridge branch manager.

Brown, also a native of Lee, joined the bank in 1972. He became assistant treasurer in 1974, just prior to moving to Stockbridge. He is a graduate of American International College. He has been active in Stockbridge affairs as the vice president of the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Stockbridge Lions Club. He and his wife, Dianna, live on Pomeroy Avenue in Pittsfield.

Miss Naventi joined the bank in 1973 as a teller and has been the assistant branch manager in Stockbridge since its opening. She is a graduate of Berkshire Community College and the National Association of Mutual Savings Bank's program for branch managers at UMass.

Privitera "had a little pail under his bench, and he used to soak the leather all night," Zorzin recalls. "Today the leather would fall apart. There's a difference in tannage. It isn't real solid material like it used to be."

Zorzin sold his shoe-restoring business on Housatonic Street in Lenox to Paul Woolwerth in September 1975 and took a year off.

Now, he commutes between Lee and Pittsfield on a Dufour Brothers bus, which suits his hours to a tee.

The shop, called Gino's Shoe Service, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8:30 to noon Saturdays.

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ANSWERING QUESTIONS about proposed zoning changes on Main, Academy, High and Ferncliff streets is Planning Board Chairman Jon E. Larson. To left is board member James Burns. To right is board secretary Janice E. Welcome.



Photos by Benjamin L. Ginsberg

ARGUING FOR the zoning change is Henry Salice of Marble Street, who said the area should be residential, not business. Seated to the right is the Rev. Joseph F. Gagan, pastor of St. Mary's Church on Academy Street. On left is James Crerer of Main Street.

Area north of Lee business district

Proposed zoning change gets chilly reception

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — A proposal to change the zoning of a neighborhood mentioned as the site for a pizza parlor met with a chilly reception from the two Planning Board members present at last night's meeting.

Ten residents of Main, Academy, High and Ferncliff streets last night presented a petition with 17 signatures asking that their streets be changed from business to a residential/multiple dwelling zone as quickly as possible.

But Chairman Jon H. Larson said the town would have to change a number of provisions in its zoning by July 1978 to comply with the state's Zoning Enabling Act. He felt the requested zone change should be examined during that process. James Burns, the only other board member present, agreed.

While the residents were careful to stress last night that the zoning change was not aimed at an individual, the move for a change coincides with Peter Constantopoulos of Theresa Terrace asking the Planning Board about the possibility of starting a pizza parlor at the A.J. Maley home at the corner of Main and Academy streets.

Atty. Joseph G. Vosit of Lenox, representing Mr. and Mrs. Donald Durocher, who became

the Maley house's Academy Street neighbors last year, explained that "these people are here to try to get the board interested in promoting this change. The action is not aimed at one person, but Peter Constantopoulos's action has highlighted the need for the change. If the action was just against Constantopoulos, then we would have asked for the zoning against just one house. If he does not move in, then the way the zoning is now any other business can move in."

Larson replied that Main Street, which is also Route 20, "has been zoned for business, happily, for the 18 or 20 years that there has been zoning in Lee."

He continued, "I don't think we should change the town's zoning only when people are suddenly not satisfied. I also don't think it is a good idea to take frontage on Main Street out of the business zone. Laws should not be changed on a day-to-day basis as individuals wish. We revise our laws from time to time, and we will by July 1978, but I do not think we should overreact to a problem of the moment. I think it is not wise to change the laws without proper planning."

Residents, while saying the zoning was not aimed at one man, said Constantopoulos's pizza parlor was an instance of what they do not want as neighbors. Mrs. Durocher said that in light of the Planning Board's reaction, the

residents would attempt to get an article for the change on the warrant of the annual town meeting.

Larson replied that was their right, but that even that action could not stop Constantopoulos from buying the house and putting in a pizza parlor. Larson said there is a 14-day notice period before the first public hearing during which Constantopoulos could file plans for a business use. Larson said that after the first public hearing, the board could not approve business uses in the zone.

"You've got a timing problem even if you do try to rush this through for the town meeting," Larson said.

The petition asked that the following areas be zoned residential: Main Street from Academy to Ferncliff streets (this includes the site of the Maley house); Academy Street; the west side of High Street from Center to Park streets, and the south side of Ferncliff Street from Main to High streets.

Larson said he was more sympathetic to High, Academy and Ferncliff streets being rezoned than he was to Main Street because those areas were residential until 1974. But he said that when the board revised all the zoning bylaws in 1974 "there was no opposition expressed that I can remember objecting to zoning the area business."

In presenting the petition, Mary Diane Cinnella of Main Street said the overwhelming majority of the residents favored changing the streets to residential. She added that "most of the residents didn't even know that their houses were in a business zone."

Confirmed Durocher, "It came as a rude shock to discover we were living in a business zone."

The Maley house is over 100 years old, as are most of the houses in the neighborhood. Henry Salice of Marble Street, arguing last night for the change, said the new zoning should be adopted to preserve the houses, which he called "among the finest Victorian houses anywhere in the country."

He said the four streets have "some of the most beautiful architecture in this town. Lee is known as a mill town and things like this should be preserved. They should be preserved for their aesthetic qualities, they should not be knocked down."

The Planning Board could take no formal action on the petition last night because there were not enough members present to have a quorum. Absent were Dana P. LaDuke, Gary Heath and James E. Kuneman. The board met last night, rather than on their usual Monday night, because of the Washington Birthday holiday.

William F. Powers, chairman of the Conservation Commission, read a letter stating that group's opposition.

"From the standpoint of land taking and encouragement of energy consumption by private automobiles," his letter stated, "the Conservation Commission opposes the concept of a bypass in Lee."

While several persons did speak out in favor of the bypass that would relieve the traffic congestion that plagues the town in the summer, Bernard Navin seemed to speak for those who voted 3-2 in favor of the bypass at the 1975 town meeting.

"The traffic is so bad here, you've got to have your rosary beads in your hand or a dog to cross Main Street in Lee," Navin said, provoking much laughter.

He added, "We want a bypass and we're going to have one. I'm thinking of our children. I don't care if we have meeting after meeting, we're going to get one."

After Castronova suggested that another town meeting vote on the proposal might be in the offing, Amidon reassured the crowd that their opposition to the project would be considered in the environmental impact study.

"You won't wake up one morning and see a bulldozer outside your home," he said. "We've got meetings and more public hearings ahead of us."

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Mark Mitchell

CUTTING cake on her 100th birthday yesterday is Maria G. Viale of Whiteholm Road, Lee. More than 150 friends and relatives attended the party, which was given by her four children.

Products featured in new Lee store



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

OWNERS of the Lee Farmer's Market at the site of the former Main Street Market in Lee are, from left, John D. DePaoli and Helen and Bob Turner. Fresh produce and cheese is bought at least three times a week at central markets in Albany, N.Y., and Springfield. Turners are continuing their wholesale Lee Cheese & Provisions Co.

Lee residents, in reversal, oppose idea of Rte. 20 bypass

John S. Egan

LEE — Most of the 30 persons who crowded into a meeting room at the Town Hall last night expressed strong opposition to a proposed Route 20 bypass for the town, in a reversal of the town's official support for the project that has been discussed for the last decade.

Toward the end of the meeting, Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova Jr., who had read a statement by the Selectmen supporting the bypass, said that the town might have to take another vote on the matter, in light of the recent opposition.

The 1975 annual town meeting had voted 342 to 224 in favor of a resolution calling for the construction of a new federal or state highway to bypass Lee's downtown area by diverting traffic from the Massachusetts Turnpike to the west side of town to join Route 7 somewhere near the Lenox town line.

Last night's meeting, which was heavily attended by local merchants and Chamber of Commerce representatives, was sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works

and the Berkshire County Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). The state DPW has been making a site location and environmental impact study of possible routes for the proposed bypass since last May, when the state Legislature passed a bill calling for the studies.

Dean P. Amidon, district highway engineer for the state DPW, and district project engineer Robert B. Duffy, opened last night's meeting by presenting three possible "concept routes" for such a bypass.

Three possible routes

Two of the routes would start at different points on Pleasant Street, Route 102, in South Lee, and continue for 2.9 miles, terminating at Route 7 near its intersection with Summer Street. A third possible route started on Route 102, running for 4.6 miles and crossing Laurel Lake, then intersecting with Route 20 and continuing to Route 7.

Amidon stressed that all of the proposed routes were only under only preliminary consideration.

"I know that the third concept

will raise some eyebrows," Amidon said, "since it crosses Laurel Lake. I'm in no way intimating that a future bypass would follow such a route. We're here to get your input as residents of Lee."

The opposition surfaced even before Amidon had finished his explanations of the three possible routes.

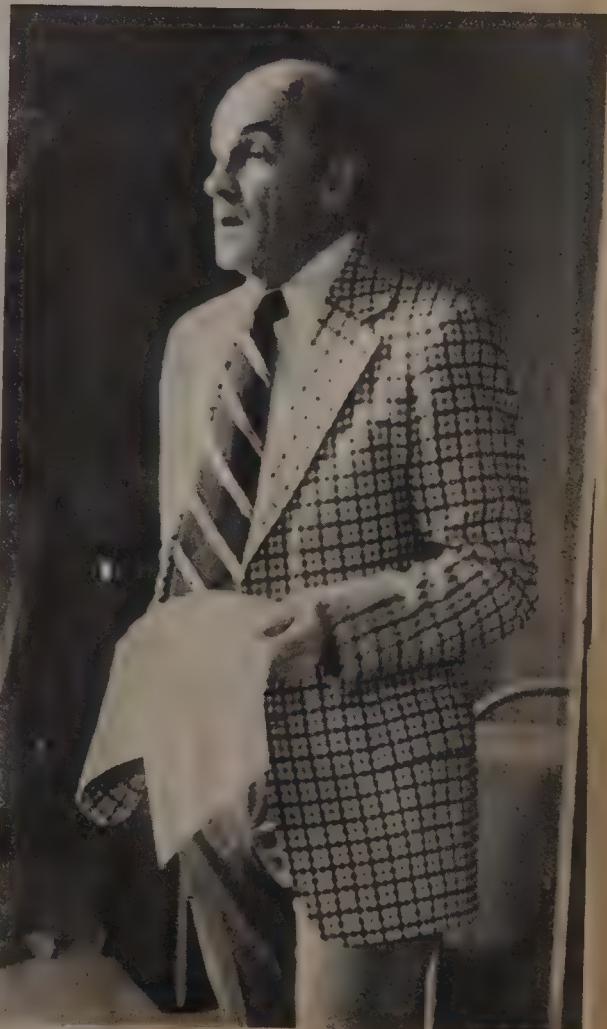
Chairman of the Planning Board James L. Burns Jr. questioned whether any of the possible routes would do more than diminish the traffic congestion in the town for a few years, before it swung back to its original pattern.

Many merchants expressed opposition to the bypass, stating that it would "kill" business in downtown Lee.

When Amidon cited the town of Lenox as an example of a town which has had a bypass since the late 1940s and hasn't been hurt economically, Francis X. Downing, owner of McClelland's Drugstore, pointed out that Lenox's proximity to Tanglewood has diminished the economic impact of their bypass.

"In the summer," Downing said, "they still get the traffic passing through town that doesn't use the bypass and the merchants still get exposure."

Chamber opposed
A Lee Chamber of Commerce representative said that the organization was officially opposed to any kind of bypass.



John S. Egan

PROJECT ENGINEER for the state Department of Public Works, Robert B. Duffy, explains several routes for a proposed Route 20 bypass of Lee. *com it on left*

What if libraries became extinct?

By Martha Nelson

GOSHEN, N.H.

"... and over there is where the library stood."

There is talk of cutting back the number of hours that the Goshen library is open. It is not loud talk, no noisier than the quiet flight of the first diseased elm leaf to hit Main Street many years ago; no more noticeable than the first foot of pastureland to defer to a mighty tree; no more perceptible than the silence of the first water wheel to stop turning, and no more ear-shattering than the wordless heartbreak of the old folks down the road who were forced to leave their home because of taxes.

But what does all this have to do with closing a library for a lousy couple of hours a week? Nothing, except I can't help but feel regret when I think of all the good things that have gone from life, and they all went slowly, quietly and unnoticed, until finally it was too late for a proper funeral even. So now I shudder at little things and can't ignore them, any more than I can ignore a single rat-dropping in my bin of flour.

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Oh, well, life is changing, the pace is quickening. People don't have the time to read anymore. They gather a lot of information, but they do not read. It is no longer an integral part of life and most people who do care about libraries go back far enough to remember when mother held them on her knee and read to them. They have forgotten a lot of the stories, but they will never forget her voice. Some can even remember when a library was also the name of a room in one's home. For most of us, reading is a pleasant memory, like dolls' with soft bodies and the one-horse-open-sleigh.

But we can't live in the past, so maybe we should give the public what it wants and deserves. A couple of hours won't matter. When they closed down the Boston Public Library on Sundays not many noticed, at least not anyone who mattered. Still, I hate to think of what alternative all those people found, who used to spend the day in the quiet inner courtyard reading a book. I would hate to think that even one of them had to return to the shabbiness of his life in a

Martha Nelson, town librarian in Goshen, N.H. (pop. 600), left that post Jan. 1. Her "valentine" to libraries

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Arthur Shadis

The Olive E. Pettis Library, Goshen, N.H.

rented room overlooking the tracks of the MBTA.

But everyone is feeling the pinch. Library hours are being curtailed everywhere. The services of the state bookmobile, which are invaluable especially to the small libraries, are being cut back. The obvious reason is money. The real reason is neglect.

The Town of Goshen presently appropriates \$2,000 a year for the operation of the library. This is about \$3 per person, and no one is complaining. In addition, the Friends of the Library raise enough money each year to make the library comfortable and to keep it in good repair. The problem is not money, really; it is neglect. The townspeople in general don't use the library. The public-library system is one of the most precious assets of a culture which is losing its culture. To see it crumbling because no one cares is sadder than watching the money run out.

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Recently, I attended a historical-society meeting at which slides of Goshen were shown. Fifty years or so ago, the main street, which is now bare, was lined with graceful elms; Mount Sunapee, which is no longer visible from the village, stood in full view beyond the open fields; the water wheels of the gristmill, cooper mill, fulling mill and many others, were all turning. All that remains of them are the foundations, and the water, of course.

When I saw a slide of the library, I thought, "That will be just a foundation one day." Then I thought, how stupid of me, the structure will be saved. Some enterprising young couple will see its novelty and turn it into a restaurant, you know, the way they do with railroad depots and old mills. They will retain enough books to establish a motif and offer entrees appropriate to an ex-library — like broiled whale's meat topped with mushrooms each pierced with a miniature plastic harpoon. You guessed it — "The Moby Dick Special."

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I'm sounding very cynical, but I'm not really. I was, but not long ago something happened which cured me. A little girl came into the library and sat down to look at books. She looked at several, but only at the book card which gives the dates the book went out and who took it out. After a while, she handed me the books she wanted, and I asked her why she was looking at the cards. She told me that when she found a book which no one had taken out, or a book which hadn't been taken out for a long time, she felt sorry for it and so would take it home to read.

Now that's not the best reason for taking out a book, but if you think about it, it's not a bad reason. It's a good place to start and if you can't find a reason otherwise, perhaps you could visit the library out of pity. That could lead to most anything, and it would make a lot of lonely books happy.

Biasin heads Lee Council on Aging

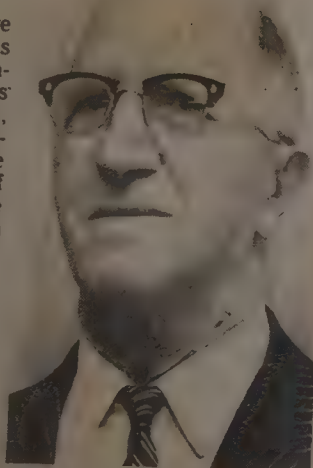
LEE — The Council on Aging Tuesday elected Dominic A. Biasin of Pleasant Street council chairman.

Biasin, 76, a member for five years, had been the council's vice-chairman. A retired machine tender, he spent 36 years at Mountain Mill. Prior to that, he worked 14 years at the former Smith Paper Co., now the Peter J. Schweitzer Division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. He was a sewer commissioner from 1966 to 1973.

As the newest council chairman, he steps into the position that was left vacant March 3 by the resignation of the Rev. Walter S. Ryan. Mr. Ryan, council chairman for five months, stepped down after policy conflicts with the Selectmen. His decision triggered two other council resignations within the last two weeks.

Last week Anna Boulanger of Devon Road told the Selectmen in a letter that she was resigning in sympathy with Mr. Ryan. This week Frances Stracuzzi of Tyingham Road also submitted her resignation.

In her letter, Mrs. Stracuzzi



Dominic A. Biasin
Succeeds Mr. Ryan

said she had been "disappointed with the atmosphere between the Selectmen and the Council. Since I'm a worker and not a fighter," her letter said, "I choose to resign."

The Selectmen have named

George L. Bushey of East Street to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Boulanger's resignation. They also named Charlotte Davis of Navin Avenue to fill a position on the council left empty by Mr. Ryan's departure.

At its Tuesday meeting, the council named Mrs. Davis vice-chairman.



COUNCIL ON AGING members, from left, Stewart Steadman, Dominic Biasin, Ida Fosty and George

Bushey argue with Lee Selectmen wording and form of their charter.

Council on aging charter seen unlikely to get on Lee warran

By Donna Mattoon

LEE — Another attempt at a compromise between the Council on Aging (COA) and the Selectmen failed Monday night when COA members could neither agree among themselves nor with the Selectmen on what elements should be included in a charter for their group.

The COA had originally hoped that the charter would be submitted as an article in the special town meeting Oct. 13. The warrant for the special meeting must be posted two weeks in advance, which is tomorrow. But it appeared Monday night that the COA is going to miss that deadline before their charter is completed.

The warrant for the meeting, however, does include an article submitted by the COA requesting the hiring of a full-time director, another controversial issue between the two groups. Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova suggested at an earlier meeting that the town decide this issue after repeated requests by the COA for a full-time director were denied by the Selectmen.

The Selectmen have long claimed that the COA has never substantiated the need for a full-time director, whose salary would be assumed by the town. And it was again a lack of justification for some of the elements of the proposed charter that led to Monday night's impasse.

The charter would spell out what claim the COA had on the room at the Airolti Building on Railroad Street that serves as the town's senior center. The charter would also determine the COA's degree of responsibility in scheduling the use of the room for other organizations when the COA wasn't using it. The COA also wanted the charter to state that any other organization using the facility will be responsible for cleaning and damages.

Early in the meeting the COA was unable to justify how often the elderly would be using the room. "You start a business, you can't predict how much business you're going to get," Stewart Steadman, COA member told the Selectmen. "Why do you expect we can do something a business man can't do." And though the elderly representatives said initially in the meeting that they would be glad to share the room with other organizations as long as they had first priority, it was clear in the end that the COA intended the room to be a "senior center, not a community center."

"The older we get, the more security we need," said Eleanor Chapin, COA member. "We want a place to feel at home. We want the room for ourselves, but we want to make you happy too. It will never belong to the elderly if we do

it your way."

The Selectmen ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~decided~~ ^{decided} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~programs~~ ^{programs} and numbers of people served before this request can be considered.

In other business Monday night the Selectmen:

— Read a letter from Tri-Town Sanitarian Peter J. Kolodziej which stated that he had been in touch with the Division of Food and Drugs in connection with a complaint filed against a store owned by Martin Levine. As long as the store remains closed and nothing is sold to the public, no action can be taken against the owner, Kolodziej said.

— Read a letter from District 9 Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars James Richards apologizing for the incident at the bicentennial parade when the state commander's car was "erroneously placed in front of the Medal of Honor winner James M. Burt and the parade marshal, Mrs. Maria Viale."

— Took under advisement bids for the town report.

— Met with members of the Traffic Commission to further discuss parking problems around the Central School. School officials will again be invited to the next Selectmen's meeting to work out a suitable arrangement to the problem. Though school officials were invited to Monday night's meeting, a representative did not attend.

Alford And Lee To Benefit From Grants

Two South Berkshire communities will soon begin construction on town projects as a result of grants awarded them this week by the Economic Development Administration, an arm of the federal Commerce Department. The grants became available through the Public Works Act, according to announcements made this week by U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte and U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke.

Library Wing To Feature Lee Marble

LEE — The addition to the Lee Library, made possible through a \$271,000 grant from the Economic Development Commission, will consist of a one-story, 5,000 square foot structure—more than twice the size of the main library, according to the project's architect, Norman G.A. Day of Lenox.

The addition will be constructed to the north of the current library, which will mean a reduction in the parking space currently available.

Day stressed that "we don't want to hide the main building," which, as a "Carnegie Library," was constructed in 1907 with funds donated by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. Day added that the exterior of the addition will also consist of marble mined in Lee—"that's our one extravagance," he noted.

The addition will include a lecture room, reading rooms, stack space, and public toilets.

The grant application was approved by town meeting representatives at the annual town meeting last May, after a similar request of \$700,000, made the previous year, was turned down by the EDA.

Day said that bids for the project will be put out within 45 days, and that construction is slated to begin around January 1, 1978.

Lee Council On Aging May Ask For Special Meeting; Selectmen Hold Their Ground

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LEE — The town Council on Aging's Board of Directors will vote today on whether to press for a special town meeting in order to secure the authority to hire six CETA workers to conduct its programs. In a stormy session with COA officials Monday night, the Selectmen once again refused



Joseph J. Castronova

to grant the Council permission to hire the CETA workers.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, who was instrumental in the Council's founding six years ago and now serves in an advisory capacity, dispatched a letter this week to the chairmen of

each town district as well as other town officials. According to Ryan, the letter asks that Council members "be permitted to develop their program as they wish."

However, Ryan added that he will advise the COA Board of Directors "not to press this CETA business—there's been enough negativity, and we have to put things in a more positive light."

COA officials and the three Selectmen were frequently at odds with one another Monday night, as they compromise. Selectman Chairman Joseph J. Castronova firmly outlined the Board's stand at the start of the meeting.

"What are we servicing?" Castronova asked. "We haven't seen any facts or figures. This Board isn't going to rubber stamp anything."

COA director Helen Mouglin, who secured the CETA grant for six workers, noted that last February, former Selectman Martin H. Deely, who was chairman of the Board at the time, had encouraged the COA to seek grants for its operation, and produced the letter in which Deely made the statement. Castronova noted that even though the letter was written on town stationery, it had been written at Deely's office, and was therefore not official.

"We've got this brand new building and you're playing Catch-22," Mrs. Mouglin said.

The Selectmen, led by Maria L. Bettega, objected to the CETA grant on the grounds that six workers aren't necessary to run the new Center on Railroad Street.

"It sounds like you'll have a coordinator to help a coordinator," Mrs. Bettega

noted. The Board also expressed its continuing concern that the hiring of six CETA workers would make it necessary to place them on the town payroll when their tenure with CETA expires in 12 months.

The Board, noting that it would agree to the hiring of one CETA worker to act as a



Helen Mouglin

driver, unanimously voted against the measure, and advised the COA to take the matter to a special town meeting.

O'Brien, who said volunteer help would not be sufficient to run the Center, closed the meeting by saying "without new programs, let's lock the damn building up; get the hell out, and let somebody else use it."

In other action Monday night, the Selectmen:

—Received a letter from the Berkshire Air Pollution Control District, which ordered officials of the U.S. Fiber Corporation on Marble Street to attend a show-cause hearing in Springfield today to explain various violations found at the plant by BAP-CD officials.

Lee Selectmen adopt new-employee policies

LEE — The Selectmen last night made public new policies concerning the hiring of new town employees and the filling out of expense vouchers.

Chairman Joseph J. Castronova indicated the policies were to go into effect immediately.

The policy on new town em-

ployes directs that "before putting on any part-time employee or applying for any grants such as CETA workers, the department head shall draw up a job description. The department head will then make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for consideration of the additional employee. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen will vote jointly on all additional personnel."

Castronova said the policy was being formally drawn up because "we have not always been aware of people going on the town payroll. We should have some control over budget increases," he said.

The policy on vouchers says all requests for reimbursements must be "itemized." The policy also says that for contracted services "all vouchers must be accompanied by an itemized bill from the vendor who provided the service or equipment."

The statement also says "Town Accountant Eleanor E. Powers will no longer accept expense vouchers that are not itemized or accompanied with bills from the vendor."



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

ANSWERING the Lee Council on Aging's request for six CETA workers is Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova. At left is William Murphy and at right is Maria Bettega. Both are selectmen. Meeting between the groups was last night at the Town Hall.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

COUNCIL ON AGING position on the hiring of six CETA workers in Lee is put forward by William O'Brien, center. From left are COA officials Helen Mouglin, Stewart Stedman, O'Brien, William B. Navin and George Bushey.

CETA workers sought for programming

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — After rejecting for the third time the Council on Aging's (COA) plea for six CETA workers, the Selectmen last night suggested the COA takes its proposal to a special town meeting.

"Maybe we're all wet about this, but I can't see approving this until you tell us what programs you need all these people for," Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova said following a heated 90-minute discussion. "This is a \$66,000 program, and applying for something of that size should be approved by the town meeting representatives."

The two groups continued their running battle over the COA's desire to hire the six workers. As reflected in last night's discussion, the Selectmen say they want to see a written set of programs that justifies having the six CETA workers, and the COA says it must have the six workers to draw up the programs and get the activities off the ground.

The Selectmen ended last night's meeting by saying the talks were "at an impasse," and suggested the COA get the necessary signatures to call a special

The six positions being requested are a program coordinator (which COA officials hope will be Helen Mouglin, the current part-time director of the COA), an assistant program coordinator, a driver for a program that provides transportation for the elderly, a coordinator for the transportation program and two liaison personnel to deal with local nursing homes.

The Selectmen agreed the driver was necessary, and suggested the COA go ahead and hire the driver under the CETA program. But Mrs. Mouglin, and William O'Brien, COA president, said they did not want to hire just one CETA employee. When the Selectmen asked why, O'Brien said he would explain in executive session. Castronova said there would be no executive session and the matter was dropped.

O'Brien and Mrs. Mouglin, the chief COA spokesmen last night, said the town had recently opened the Senior Citizens' Center at the Airoldi Office Building, but that there was no one to run the programs.

"What you're doing in not hiring the CETA workers is the same as buying a piece of highway equipment, but not including any money to build a new school and

Lee board again rejects Council-on-Aging request

but not including teachers," O'Brien said. "How can we operate a center without people to do the work?"

Mrs. Mouglin noted no town money was involved in the COA project. "I want to know why all the other towns in the county have picked up the programs so graciously, and Lee hasn't," she asked.

O'Brien said that if the programs didn't prove themselves in the eight months for which CETA funding lasts, "then we can drop it."

But the Selectmen were adamant in wanting to see programs before approving the hiring of new employees. They noted the Finance Committee had expressly said no new employees should be added to the town without justification.

"We've asked for figures on how many people are being served or would be served. We want to know how many people would sign up for all these activities you're talking about," Castronova said. "We haven't got that information."

Selectman Maria D. Bettega asked the COA officials "why you need so many people. It just

seems like a lot of people to hire for a program that's not yet off the ground and for which you can't show there's any demand. You're asking for a coordinator to help a coordinator to help a coordinator. That just too many people," she said.

And Castronova said he was worried about what would happen after the CETA funding ran out in eight months. "If we hire these people from CETA and they get the program going and then their funding runs out, what do we do. If you get a program started, then it's not going to get pulled back. That's \$66,000 a year to the town budget, and we have to think of the elderly on fixed budgets," he said.

The Selectmen suggested that if there was as much demand for the programs as the COA suggested, then perhaps the programs should be run with local volunteers rather than with CETA workers.

There are about 1,200 people in Lee who are 60 or older. Mrs. Mouglin is the COA's only paid employee.

The COA leaders indicated after last night's meeting they would try to find the signatures to call the special town meeting.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

DEDICATION CEREMONIES yesterday for the Lee Senior Citizens Center at the Airolodi Office Building were led by William O'Brien, president of the Council on Aging (COA). Sitting in front row, from left to right, are Helen Mougin, COA coordinator; the Rev. Walter S. Ryan of the First Congregational Church,

and Corrine Conte, wife of the local congressman. In back row, from left, are Selectman William Murphy, George Bushey and Stewart Steadman of Golden Age Club, and Selectman Joseph J. Castronova. More than 125 attended the ceremonies and a reception prepared in the center's kitchen, at right.

Lee dedicates center for elderly

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — The Lee Senior Citizens' Center was dedicated yesterday amidst day-long activities that included an afternoon reception and speechmaking session and four hours of evening square dancing.

The festivities, attended by 125 persons at both the afternoon and evening celebrations, were at the center in the Airolodi Office Building on Railroad Street.

The dedication of the facility marked the opening of the first center for the town's 1,200 residents who are over age 60.

Afternoon speakers included William O'Brien, chairman of the Council on Ag-

ing (COA); Helen Mougin, the COA activities coordinator; Corrine Conte, wife of the area's congressman; Stewart Steadman, president of the Lee Golden Age Club; Joseph J. Castronova, William Murphy and Maria Bettega, the town's Selectmen, and the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Also attending the afternoon reception was State Sen. John H. Fitzpatrick and COA representatives of New Marlborough, Sandisfield, Stockbridge, Lenox and Great Barrington.

Highlight of the evening festivities was the square dancing to Ray Sexton's

eight-piece orchestra. Betty Mihovan of Lenox was the singer. Another feature of the evening was Lester J. Clarke of South Lee presenting a narrated slide show about the town.

The COA plans a full schedule of activities at the center. Additional information may be obtained from the COA's office, which is connected to the Town Hall switchboard.

Funds for the refurbishing of the center came from a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development community block grant. The grant also paid for renovations to other parts of the Airolodi building.

Line held on Lee senior center 7/7/77

LEE — The town's Council on Aging won a plaque on the door of the new senior citizens' center at the Airolodi Office Building but little else last night at a meeting with the Selectmen called to discuss disagreements that have sprung up in the last two weeks.

The COA's other requests — that part-time director Helen Mouglin be put on full time and that six CETA workers be hired to staff the center — were denied by the board.

Another point of contention, access by groups other than the elderly to the new center, was resolved when both sides agreed that the elderly have first call on the facility but that other groups may use it.

At a meeting last week, members of the council insisted the center be reserved only for the elderly. The Selectmen insisted that other groups be allowed to use it as well. Both sides agreed last night that the COA would set up a calendar of their activities, and that other groups wanting to use the center should make reservations three days in advance. The elderly will have first right to use the center at all times, both sides agreed.

A second emotional issue last night was where a sign could be placed designating the facility the senior citizens' center. Some members of the COA, such as Dominic Biasin of Pleasant Street, argued the entire Railroad Street building should be named the Airolodi Senior Citizens Building.

Said Biasin: "There isn't another town where senior citizens have to share. We've been left out in the cold, and we're still out in the cold. We want the whole building to be called the Airolodi Senior Citizens Building."

The Selectmen said no, noting that town funds went into buying the building. The board compromised by agreeing that a sign on Mrs. Mouglin's office door could read the senior citizens' center office.

The Selectmen were uncompromising on the issue of Mrs. Mouglin becoming a full-time director. While Mrs. Mouglin and COA President William O'Brien argued Mrs. Mouglin should be full time because the opening of the center will mean more activities, the Selectmen said no.

"There is no money in the budget," said Chairman Joseph J. Castronova.

Beverly Y. Foley, the chairman of the Finance Committee, agreed with Castronova.

"When the question of a full-time director came up during the budget meetings in January, we decided to defer the question until after the center was open and we saw whether there was the demand for a full-time director."

Mrs. Mouglin tried to justify the need of a full-time director by saying one would be needed to direct the six CETA workers the COA wants to hire.

"How can you have full-time CETA workers with only a part-time director," she asked.

Selectman Maria D. Bettega replied: "We don't think we should hire the CETA workers. We don't want it to turn out that we built a senior citizens' center for the CETA workers. The center should prove itself before we hire anyone."

Large budget

The Selectmen repeated what they said last week in a letter to the COA — that they were against hiring six workers because it could lead eventually to a large COA budget that the town can not afford. Some estimated the cost of the COA could reach \$90,000 if all CETA workers were hired and retained by the town after the federal funding to pay them ran out.

The Selectmen said they wanted to see the response to the new center before agreeing to hire CETA workers. The board members suggested finding volunteers in the meantime.

The Selectmen did agree to hiring one of the six CETA workers — a driver for the van that takes elderly residents to appointments they have.

The senior citizens' center will be dedicated this Sunday in ceremonies beginning at noon. The festivities will continue throughout the day, followed by dancing at night.

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Lee Council on Aging chairman resigns in policy disagreement

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Lee Council on Aging chairman, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, this week informed the Selectmen by letter that he was resigning from the council because town "restrictions placed on the Council on Aging" had limited his "freedom to work" and made the work of chairman "unacceptable" to him.

The Selectmen, who received the letter Monday, accepted the resignation with regret. The resignation becomes effective March 3.

In his Feb. 24 letter to the town, Mr. Ryan, who had been council chairman since October, said that he regretted making the decision but the position of chairman had "become too time-consuming under the present administration."

"The many differences in viewpoints and restrictions placed upon the council, its leadership and program, have made the work unacceptable to me as its chairman and limited my freedom to work as I know best for the total welfare of the town's elderly," the letter stated.

Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova said, "We're very sorry. I think he is very capable and has done the council great service. I think one reason that

he resigned is that he wanted to enlarge the council while we wanted to keep it small."

Mr. Ryan later verified that the Selectmen's unwillingness to go along with council recommendations for appointments had been a factor. The eight-member council once had as many as 13 members. The Selectmen have resisted council recommendations for appointments on the grounds that new members would increase the council's size.

"I believe the council and its chairman are the best ones to decide how many persons should be on the council and who those persons should be," Mr. Ryan said. "The Selectmen have lopped people off the council and refused to go along with our recommendations for replacements."

Mr. Ryan said also that he thought there was a great deal of official "misunderstanding" of the need for a full-time council director and the function of the council's current part-time director.

"Mrs. Helen Mouglin, the part-time director, has been doing a great job," Mr. Ryan said. "But the Selectmen regard the position of part-time director as a desk clerk's job. You don't give a director or a part-time director a job and then confine her to



Rev. Walter S. Ryan
"Freedom to work" limited

a desk five mornings a week. The Selectmen want Mrs. Mouglin to check in every morning and check out promptly at noon."

Mr. Ryan said he thought the Selectmen had a "narrow legalistic view" of what the directorship of the council entailed.

"Whoever leads the council has to spend time away from the Senior Center, whether

seeking grants or speaking to other councils or attending meetings. The director should be able to act as a public relations person, a counselor for the elderly, a grant writer and many other things."

The Selectmen had in the past complained of the cost of monthly mileage vouchers turned in by Mrs. Mouglin. They questioned the necessity of trips that required as much as \$80 reimbursement in one month, according to Selectmen Chairman Castronova. The board criticized as inadequate a council job description which said that the part-time director would work at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon four days a week but contained few other specific guidelines.

The council has since drawn up detailed job descriptions for the positions of part-time and full-time director. It is expected to include the job descriptions with a fiscal 1979 budget request that asks funding for a full-time director on a trial basis for part of the year. The Finance Committee will be examining the council's budget request at their meeting next week.

Mr. Ryan, who said he hated to make the decision to step down as chairman, said he "would remain a friend of the elderly and lend a hand whenever necessary."

The Selectmen appointed Mrs. Charlotte Davis of Navin Heights to fill the vacancy created on the council by Mr. Ryan's departure, effective March 3. The council is expected to name a chairman within the next few weeks.

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DEER HUNTERS Guy A. Morin of Chapel Street, Lee, left, and Ralph W. Olds Hartwood Road, Lee, were among those who found snow in the woods this morn. These hunters were in the woods near Goose Pond. Story on Page 17.

John



Stephen Fay

AMATEUR HISTORIAN of Lee, Frank E. Bastow shows Susie Kaufman some of the pictures he has taken of the town during his long life there.

Oral history project redefines concept of 'resource recovery'

By Stephen Fay

GREAT BARRINGTON — Resource recovery usually means extending the service life of paper and glass, but in South Berkshire, it has come to mean recovering and recording the memory resources of the elderly.

Susie Kaufman of Stockbridge, who is employed by the Berkshire Home Care Corp. and paid through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), has been at work for the past month interviewing elderly South Berkshire residents and recording their recollections and nearly forgotten historical data on tape.

Ms. Kaufman, who is 32, intends to convert her notes and transcripts of the recordings into history of early 20th century life in Berkshire County.

"It's been a real eye-opener for me," Ms. Kaufman said today.

She said she has found in the elderly a quality of fine recall, detail and color that most history texts cannot provide. And the project, which she mapped out six months ago and submitted for CETA's approval last month, may generate more than a history book.

Frederick H. Whitham, executive director of Ms. Kaufman's sponsoring agency, Berkshire Home Care said yesterday that he shares that belief.

"The idea sounded like a winner to us," Whitham said.

Home Care is a county-wide advocacy agency for the elderly. It is designed to keep the elderly in their own homes, not nursing homes.

The agency has about 600 clients in its case-management program, between 1,200 and 1,400 participants in its hot lunch program. Two hundred clients whose needs are met on an informal basis and 80 elderly participants who are served meals at their own homes, according to figures Whitham supplied yesterday.

Whitham said that the compilation and eventual publication of a history based on Ms. Kaufman's research is a sufficiently worthwhile goal, but by no means the only positive product of the project.

"What we'd like to do," he said "is point out the wealth of resources and wisdom being wasted here. (The elderly) are real, live people, and we're trying to bring them out as such."

Whitham said that part of Ms. Kaufman's task is to record anecdotes of recollections from the elderly and have them published in newspapers and broadcast on the radio.

The articles and broadcasts, Whitham said, would simply let people — particularly younger people — know that the elderly "are part of humanity."

Additionally, he said, he hopes that a "living history" program might be evolved through Ms. Kaufman's project and adopted by schools.

The programs, which exist in other parts of the state, entail talks by elderly persons to high school classes. History, Whitham said, becomes more palpable and understandable when told in the first person.

Classical High School in Springfield has recently scheduled a course called "Learning from Generations" that is based precisely on this idea.

One of Ms. Kaufman's sources is Frank E. Bastow of East Lee, an 80-year-old Pittsfield native.

Bastow worked at the former Russell Mill on Pecks Road in Pittsfield, then spent 30 years at the Westfield River Paper Co. mill in Lee.

He lost part of a finger in an accident at the plant 32 years ago, and he has a good deal to say about industrial conditions in the past.

"Kids don't realize what hardships there were in the old days," Bastow said.

Ms. Kaufman and Whitham said that an extra benefit of the interviewing project is that a visit can be an important event to persons like Bastow and others who don't get out much.

"One person a day can be a bright spot," Whitham said. "It's a social service."

Whitham said he also hopes that a book of homespun advice and practical techniques, similar to the "Foxfire Book" of several years ago, might be assembled from the words of Ms. Kaufman's sources.

Ms. Kaufman works 40 hours a week lining up interviews, visiting the elderly and transcribing their words. She is paid \$4 an hour by CETA.

Whitham said the project could work to provide additional advocacy for the elderly.

"Nobody's on the soapbox," he said, "It's soft-sell. They come off as lovable and interesting. The rest of the hard-sell is up to us."



John S. Egan

DIGGING OUT after last night's Lee Selectmen's meeting is Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castranova. The Lee meeting was one of the few held last night.

Skorput appointed postmaster in Lee

LEE — Paul P. Skorput, postmaster of the West Stockbridge Post Office for the past 18 years, has been promoted to postmaster of the Lee Post Office, which has been without a permanent head for more than 16 months.

The appointment was made yesterday by a regional selection board of the U.S. Postal Service and announced today by Pittsfield Postmaster Joseph H. Nolan, the head postmaster in the county. Skorput, 51, was chosen out of a field of five candidates.

The appointment becomes effective at the close of business tonight at 5, according to Nolan.

The Lee Post Office has been without a permanent postmaster since the death of Leon E. Jasanis in September 1976. Joseph Gavin was the most recent officer-in-charge there in a succession of temporary chiefs.

The same procedure followed for Lee — appointment of temporary officers-in-charge until a permanent head is selected — will be used in West Stockbridge, Nolan said.

He said that he expects to have a decision later today on a temporary replacement for Skorput in West Stockbridge.

The appointment is considered a promotion for Skorput. Besides being elevated one level higher in rank with an accompanying increase in pay, Skorput will have charge of nine employees at the Lee Post Office, compared to three in West Stockbridge. The Lee office is also a city carrier operation, whereas West Stockbridge has only rural carriers.

Skorput, who has lived in West Stockbridge for most of his life, was self-employed before being appointed the acting postmaster in West Stockbridge in 1960 to succeed his brother, Peter A. Skorput Jr. The new Lee appointee served with the U.S. Army in World War II.

Skorput and his wife, the for-



Paul P. Skorput
West Stockbridge resident

mer Charlotte Hayes, have five children, one of whom is at home, and eight grandchildren. Skorput said he plans to continue living on Stockbridge Road, West Stockbridge.

Anne Errington named arts council director

LEE — The board of directors of the Southern Berkshire Community Arts Council has named Anne B. Errington of Lee as the council's executive director.

Mrs. Errington replaces Bette Seigerman, who had been director of the council since it was founded in Great Barrington three years ago. Council headquarters are on Castle Street across from the Great Barrington Town Hall.

Mrs. Errington is best known in the Berkshires as a former newscaster and news director for radio station WGRG. Her post was eliminated last year by that radio station, which now uses the call letters WUPE.

A graduate of Syracuse University, where she majored in speech and drama, she has performed dramatic readings at the Berkshire Museum and at area high schools and has sung in the Berkshire Chorus. She is a member of the Lee Conservation Commission.

Mrs. Errington said yesterday



Anne R. Errington
John S. Egan

she was planning to meet with the board of directors and the membership soon to evaluate council plans.

"It's too premature for me to have any plans right now," she said. "A lot of wonderful programs have already been established by Bette Seigerman, and a lot of plans that she made are just in the works. I'm sorry she's leaving."

Mrs. Seigerman will remain chairman of the council's board. She said yesterday that she had resigned because she had felt that it was time to turn over active direction of the council to someone else.

Mrs. Errington, who declined to express a preference for one kind of art over another said she was interested in promoting activity "in all of the arts."

Mrs. Errington and her husband, Roger, live on Maple Street in Lee. They have three children.

Connecticut man heads Lee Bank

By John S. Egan

LEE — The board of directors of the Lee National Bank yesterday elected William J. Napolitano of Somers, Conn., as the 144-year-old bank's new president and chief operating officer, effective March 13.

The appointment came in the wake of announcements of the retirement of bank president Frank P. Consolati and chief operating officer and vice president John W. Plant.

Mrs. Rita M. L'Heureux, who joined the bank in 1942, was elected cashier and re-elected vice president. When she was first elected vice president in 1970, she was the first woman in the history of Lee National Bank, and one of the first in Massachusetts, to be elevated to senior officer status.

Fifteenth president

The bank directors re-elected George Bagnaschi vice president and loan officer.

Consolati was elected chairman of the board.

Napolitano, 46, will be the bank's fifteenth president since its founding in 1835. He has been president of the New England Bank and Trust Co. of Enfield, Conn., since its 1971 founding.



William J. Napolitano
John S. Egan

Napolitano, who majored in accounting and finance, graduated from Bentley College in Boston and from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

The new president is married to the former Althea Smith of Methuen. Mr. and Mrs. Napolitano



Rita M. L'Heureux

operating officer Plant.

"The idea of splitting the duties of president and chief operating officer is one that has been dying out," Plant said yesterday. "It started in the 19th century. The president was a local businessman and the cashier ran the bank."

100 applicants



Frank P. Consolati
John S. Egan

Plant joined Lee National Bank as vice president and cashier in 1971. During his seven years with the bank, he controlled aggregate loan losses to less than \$15,000 while capital assets increased from \$6.6 million to \$9.3 million. He is retiring after a 48-year banking career. Bank shareholders yesterday elected him to the board

Truck carrying radioactive waste from MIT spends night in Berkshires on way to S.C.

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By John S. Egan

LEE — An overweight tractor-trailer carrying a shipment of low-level radioactive waste from Boston to a nuclear waste burial ground in South Carolina stopped for a layover last night in Lee and sparked the consternation of local officials and the curiosity of motorists who saw it on Route 20 this morning.

The truck, carrying a large canister with the words "CHEM-NUCLEAR" emblazoned on the side, left the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge Monday, according to MIT officials. The truck's cargo is a plug from a nuclear reactor at the institute, according to Richard Hayden, acting terminal manager for Home Transportation Co. of Marietta, Ga., the carrier.

Home Transportation is under contract

to deliver the payload, which Hayden characterized as "safe enough for the driver to sleep next to," to the Chem-Nuclear Co.'s nuclear waste graveyard in Barnwell, S.C. Hayden said the trailer truck had taken Route 20 west from Boston because the trailer with its payload weighed more than 100,000 pounds and was banned for that reason from the Massachusetts Turnpike.

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Lee Police said this morning that they were notified by state police yesterday that the truck had been spotted coming down Jacob's Ladder (Route 20) into Lee, that its tires were smoking and that it was having brake problems. Lee police pulled the truck over at 3:30 p.m. to the shoulder of Park Street opposite the

Adams Supermarket. According to the police, the driver asked if he could leave the truck parked there for an hour while he took a coffee break and checked on a possible permit for traveling the New York Thruway. When the driver returned, police said he told them he would have to stay in Lee overnight because Massachusetts law barred him from operating the truck after dark.

Fire Chief Ottavio Giarolo, who asked the driver to park the truck next to the Department of Public Works building on Railroad Street for the night, said this morning he was angry that he had not been notified in advance of the trailer truck's passage through town.

"The driver put us in a bind," Giarolo

said. "And nobody notified us that the truck was coming through. That's what tee's me off. The IOC or someone should have warned us." An MIT official said this morning that the institute had notified the Bureau of Radiological Health of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health that the shipment was going to be made. The official said that MIT had no control over notification of towns along the shipment route. That was the responsibility of Chem-Nuclear Co. and the carrier, he said.

The truck, with its low-level radioactive payload, left Lee with a police escort at about 6:30 this morning. Police in Lenox and Pittsfield escorted the trailer truck through their communities. The truck left Berkshire County at about 8 this morning.



TANK containing radioactive wastes is carried on 22-wheel tractor trailer on South Street, Pittsfield.

John S. Egan

Addiction to fishing leads to new business

LEE — Cecilia Mitchell scoops pail after pail of chilled water from a box that is sunken into the ice of frozen Laurel Lake. Silver bellied minnows skitter and splash in the water. Dozens are caught by the scooping buckets, which Mrs. Mitchell empties into a plastic cooler on a sled. When the cooler is full of minnows and lake water, Mrs. Mitchell grabs the rope of the sled and heads toward her nearby house on the shore.

Mrs. Mitchell, known in the area for years as a fishing enthusiast, officially opened Mitchell's Bait Shop two weeks ago. The shop is located in the basement of her home, a green house near the dam of Laurel Lake, just off Route 20.

The idea of opening a bait shop came to Mrs. Mitchell shortly after she and her husband George bought a house on Laurel Lake last April, and realized a 20-year-old dream. Mrs. Mitchell quickly discovered that living on the lake allowed her to spend most of her time doing what she loves most — fishing. And she was quickly discovered by other fishermen. Occasionally they stopped by her nearby house and asked to borrow equipment.

"It started with someone who wanted hooks," she said with a smile. "Then it was weights. Then it got to the point where I was lending out my own fishing tackle."

The idea occurred to Mrs. Mitchell that a bait shop located on Laurel Lake might provide a service to area fishermen and prove profitable.

Mrs. Mitchell started work on the shop last fall. She and her husband installed two tubs for

minnows in their basement. He designed a plywood bait-box with a wire mesh bottom. The box was located off the shoreline of the Mitchell's property, a few inches off the bottom of the lake. It is now held firmly in place by a thick layer of ice. Minnows are contained by the wire mesh that allows fresh lake water to circulate freely through the bottom of the bait-box.

Mrs. Mitchell sells minnows from the bait-box during daylight hours or whenever the weather permits. In the early morning or on stormy days, she sells the bait from the tubs in the basement.

The tubs are kept filled with water from the lake, now about 33 degrees, according to Mrs. Mitchell. Each day Mrs. Mitchell uses her sled and cooler to carry water and minnows from the bait-box to replenish the tubs inside.

There are also two wooden boxes in the basement that hold burgeoning nightcrawler farms. Mrs. Mitchell estimates that by summer each of the boxes will contain more than 4,000 night-crawlers.

Mrs. Mitchell said she also plans to sell salmon eggs, earthworms and mousies this summer. She described mousies as larvae that look like grubs with tails. She warned that "mousies can turn into flies if they get too warm," and assured a reporter that she plans to keep her basement well-refrigerated this summer.

The Mitchell Bait Shop also offers artificial bait and a limited supply of fishing tackle, which Mrs. Mitchell intends to expand as her business increases.



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EASY ACCESS to her supply of bait for her new bait shop is just minutes away from home for Mrs. Cecilia Mitchell of Lee. The bait trap is set in ice on Laurel Lake a short distance from her home where she now sells fishing equipment in addition to an assortment of bait materials.

The only bait-shop in Lee, it is open six days a week, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The shop is closed Thursdays. But Mrs. Mitchell is always willing to help out a fellow fishermen in need of equipment. This Sunday she expects a crowd of fishermen to buy bait for a fisherman's derby at nearby Goose Pond, so she said she will open the store at 6 a.m.

"As long as my light is on, I don't mind taking care of the fishermen," she said. "They're

a wonderful group of people."

Although she said she doesn't intend to hang any "Gone Fishing" signs on the door of her shop, she said she can occasionally ask one of her family to mind the store and still get away to a favorite fishing hole.

"I've been fishing since I was 14," she said. "There's nothing I love better than to fish from morning to night. My family knows that if they can't find me around the house it means I'm out on the water."

Realty sales

10 — The Berkshire Eagle, Friday, Jan. 13, 1978

Son buys insurance agency from father

LEE — Ownership of the McCormick & Toole Insurance Agency Inc. passed from father to son this week, as Lawrence V. Toole announced his retirement after 41 years in the insurance business. His son, Joseph M. Toole, purchased the agency, effective Jan. 10.

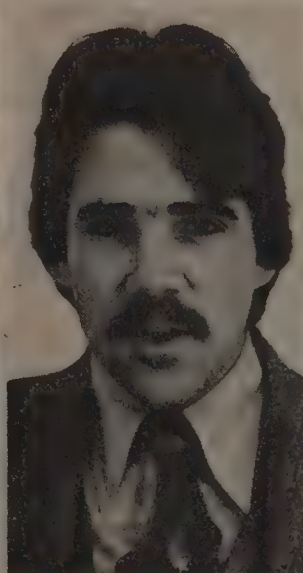
Lawrence V. Toole entered the insurance business in 1936 as a salesman for the John Hancock Insurance Co. On Dec. 1, 1939, he purchased the E.H. Bossidy Agency and took offices in the Owens Building on Main Street, a location where his business has remained.

Two years later he acquired the William Fallon Agency of Stockbridge. His sister, Mollie E. Toole, took over operations in 1942 and ran the business for four years, while Toole served with the U.S. Army in Europe, earning the rank of major and the Bronze Star.

Through partnership with Margaret McCormick in 1951 he bought the Charles H. Kilmer Agency of Pittsfield, which is now operated as the McCormick & Toole Insurance Agency Inc. Toole acquired Judge Albert Clark's agency in 1958, and three years later purchased the Marshall L. Barnard Agency. He bought the Durant-Forman Agency on Dec. 1, 1969.



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Lawrence V. Toole
Plans to retire

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Joseph M. Toole
Taking over agency

Toole is spending the winter in Naples, Fla. He and his wife intend to return to their Main Street home in May.

Their son, Joseph M. Toole, second youngest of nine children, foresees no major changes in the operation of the agency.

"The first thing I really want

to do is expand our services to existing customers," he said yesterday. "All my efforts will be directed to this."

Toole, a 1973 graduate of Lee High School, started his business career in August of that year when he established the firm's realty division. He re-

ceived insurance training at the Aetna School of Insurance in Hartford, Conn., and received a diploma in Feb., 1975. He is currently attending classes at the Certified Insurance Counselors Institute and is working toward the professional designation of certified insurance counselor.

Toole was the 1975 drive chairman for the United Community Fund, and is currently its budget chairman. He is a director of the Berkshire County Board of Realtors and a constable for the town of Lee.

Since taking over as head of the McCormick & Toole Insurance Agency Inc., he has named Steven Peltier as office manager of the firm's real estate division.

Peltier, a 1977 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, has worked as a real estate salesman at the company since June. He is working on a master's degree in business administration through University of Massachusetts extension classes in Pittsfield, and is studying to become a residential member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

The McCormick & Toole Insurance Agency Inc. and the Toole Real Estate Agency employ a total of eight persons.

Lee consignment shop moves

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Upstairs Basement has moved downstairs and across the street from its old location, but its owner has kept the local consignment store's catchy name. The store, formerly at the corner of Franklin and Main streets, is now at 51 Main Street.

"I didn't want to change the name," said owner Bunny Clayson. "It would have taken me years to remember a new one."

Mrs. Clayson explained that she had chosen the unusual appellation when she and Mrs. James Ervin opened a shop above Rossi's Restaurant in 1972.

"The original store was upstairs," she said. "That's where the first part of the name came from. And as the shop started to fill up with all of these things, it started to look like somebody's basement."

Despite the shop's move to a more spacious location, the Upstairs Basement retains its atmosphere of a basement, or attic, that is loaded with a jumbled diversity of goods. Racks hold clothing for men, women and children in all shapes and sizes. All of the clothing is accepted on consignment. More than 2,800 consignees from all parts of Berkshire County help keep the stock fresh, according to Mrs. Clayson.

Other standard items are household goods, linens, toys and games. A random investigation might also turn up an assortment of skates and skis, a sideboard that was made in the 1920s, beveled glass mirrors, hair dryers, carving knives, a pair of Chinese slippers that were made for a child, or a couple of abstract paintings by a local artist.

Mrs. Clayson assured a reporter who enjoyed searching the nooks and crannies of the shop's former location he will still feel at home poking around the Upstairs Basement. There is now more room for more goods to poke through, she said. And the turnover of consignment goods is greater than ever.

"There's a constant churning around," she says. "That's the



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CONTRADICTION in terms was further compounded when Mrs. Bunny Clayson moved her Upstairs Basement downstairs and across the street. The Lee consignment shop needed more space for its growing business.

most interesting part of the business. You never know what will come in. Someone might come in tomorrow morning looking for a snowmobile suit and I might be out of them. Then that afternoon some of the suits might come in and I'll give the customer a call.

"I mark and put out 50 items a day. There is a complete stock clearance sale each spring and each fall. Everything is half-price and I try to get rid of it all."

Desks and bureaus don't get a chance to gather dust at the Upstairs Basement, Mrs. Clayson said. They usually are sold the day they come in.

Customers of the shop are as varied as the merchandise, Mrs. Clayson said.

"With a pool of 2,800 consignees, I have a group of persons who are in here all the time," she said. "A lot of people will check for clothing here before going to shop in a retail store. And there are always people who are waiting for the bus down the street who wander up, looking for a place to get warm. There's always the chance you'll see something that catches your eye."

There is no longer any stigma attached to the purchasing of used clothes or furniture, Mrs. Clayson says. Those days are gone forever. Her clientele include rich and poor and can be

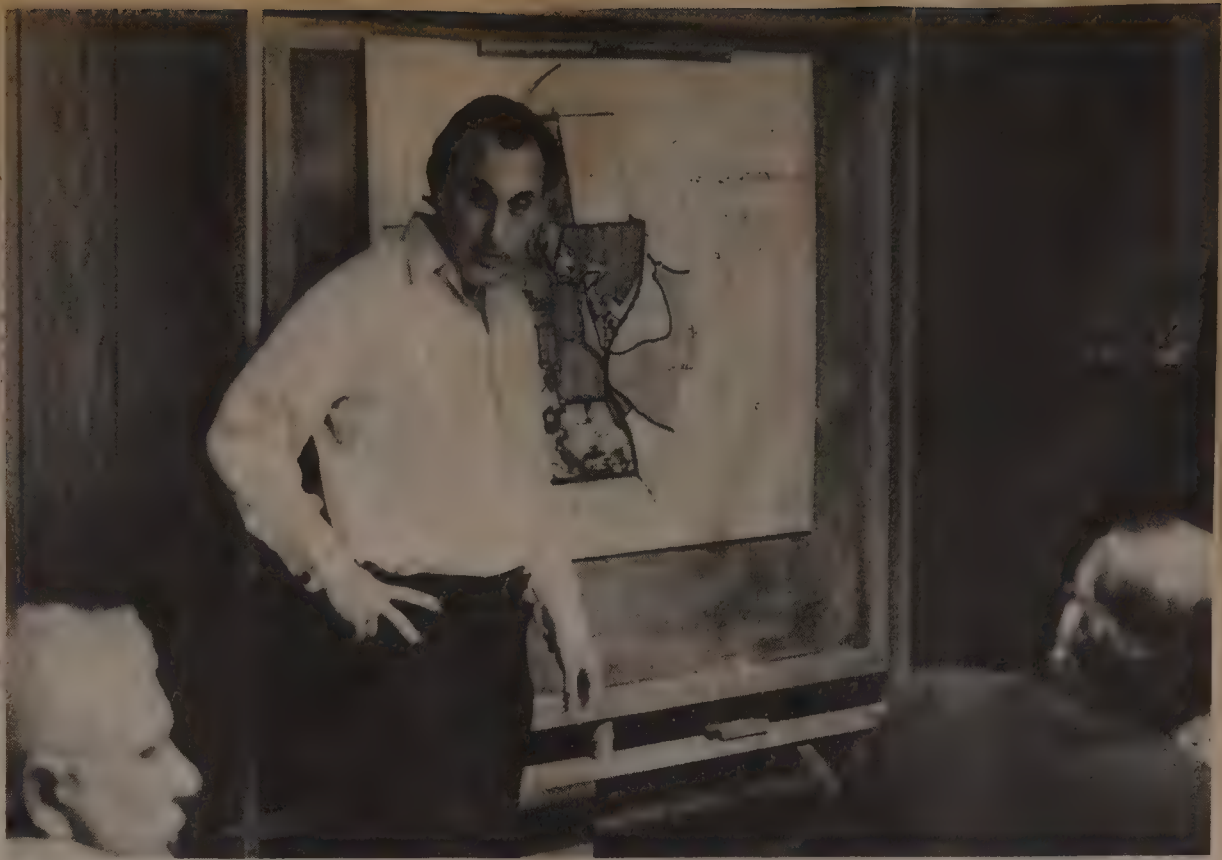
classified by only one characteristic — they are all willing to hunt for a bargain.

Still, there are people who seem are surprised to find themselves in a shop that features second-hand goods.

"Every once in a while you'll get someone in here from out-of-town who walks around marveling at the prices," she said. "They whisper 'look at the price of this, look at the price of that.' Then they realize they are in a second-hand store. Some become horrified, and clear out fast."

"But others are delighted. They keep coming back."





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FOXHOLLOW owner Donald I. Altshuler fields Lee Department of Public Works' questions about proposed sewer hookup from planned development at Foxhollow to Summer Street sewer line. Plans include a 64-unit

hotel building and as many as 160 condominiums. Altshuler stands in front of map of Center at Foxhollow property.

Altshuler seeks Lee sewer link for hotel, condominium project

By John S. Egan

LEE — The owner of the Center at Foxhollow in Lenox wants to build a \$1 million 64-unit hotel and as many as 160 condominium apartments on the property on the Lee-Lenox line and link them through a proposed sewer line to the Lee sewer system.

Donald I. Altshuler, who disclosed last week that he wanted to develop the complex to solve a shortage of room space at the year-round resort, told the Department of Public Works last night that a hookup with the Lee system was necessary because the nearest Lenox sewer line, which ends at the Stevens School campus, is already loaded to capacity. He said the proposed line would extend the Summer Street line, which now stops at Spring Street near Highlawn Farm.

Stating that it would have to carefully examine whether the additional load might push the Lee system close to its capacity, the DPW told Altshuler it would consider the request and asked him to appear at the board's next meeting on March 13.

Average peak flows, which would occur on summer weekends, would add an additional 40,000 gallons of sewage a day to the Lee system, project consultant Robert Brown told the DPW.

Lee's sewage treatment plant, designed for a maximum average daily flow of 1 million gallons and built in 1968, now handles an average daily flow of 600,000 gallons, according to DPW Superintendent J. Peter Scolforo.

Willing to pay

"We're not asking for assistance in building the line from Foxhollow to the town line," Altshuler said. "We would pay for the cost of construction. But we are asking for permission to hook in. With the sewage line

the project could work, without the line it can't."

Extremely preliminary plans call for a 64-room hotel building to be constructed adjacent to the Center's main building on the part of the 240-acre property that lies in Lee. The condominium apartments, designed as one and two bedroom week-

end homes, would be built on the Lenox side.

Last week Altshuler said that a new hotel would solve a shortage of room space that had forced the year-round resort to cancel some conventions. Last night he said that construction of the condominium apartments was necessary to attract financ-

ing for a hook-in to Lee's sewer line.

"For the 64-unit building alone, it wouldn't be financially feasible to extend the sewer line. But with the condominiums we could get the financing we need for the extension," Altshuler said.

Citing a housing trend in south Berkshire County, DPW member Wilbur Hunt Jr. questioned whether purchasers of condominium apartments wouldn't eventually use the weekend homes as permanent residences.

New York professionals

Altshuler, characterizing interested buyers as "New York professionals," said that some might retire to the condominium apartments. He said that permanent residents would bring very few children into the Lenox schools, and none into the Lee schools, since apartments would be located entirely in Lenox.

Lee consultant David Lenart said that he thought Brown's estimates for daily flow from the proposed development were low because "with all the laterals and lines you would have to run there could be an infiltration factor that could push the daily flow closer to 70,000 to 80,000 gallons daily."

Lenart said he also was concerned that the additional flow might compound backup problems that occur in the town's main interceptor sewer line. Lenart said that the line, built in the 1950s, had alignment problems that resulted from poor construction techniques. Groundwater infiltration during the wet season already causes backups in the line, Lenart said.

Altshuler promised the DPW that he would be back in two weeks with more details on the proposed development and sewer line.



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REPORT on the Housatonic River Valley, including Laurel Lake, is inspected by, left to right, William S. Enser Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herman Geller and Dolores Birch, who attended Lee Conservation Commission meeting last night to express concern over condition of Laurel Lake, which is infested with weeds.

Laurel Lake homeowners, fishermen complain of weeds

LEE — Homeowners from Laurel Lake and some young fishermen met with the Conservation Commission last night to voice complaints over the deteriorating condition of the lake and to seek solutions to the problem of weed infestation.

Molly Geller, who appeared before the commission with her husband Herman, said that she had been swimming in the lake

for the past 20 years, that she and her husband had owned a lake-front home for the last four years, and in that time the lake had suffered "dreadful deterioration."

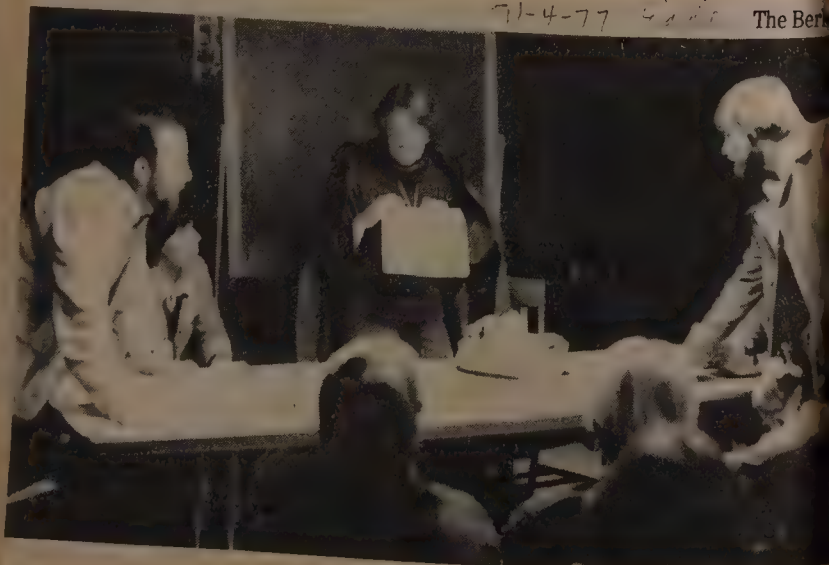
Mrs. Geller stated that the individual homeowner on the lake could do something about the weeds that have made sailing and fishing from the bank almost impossible. Last summer

she and her husband pulled the weeds from the water in front of their property by swimming through the water, towing a boat or inner tube, and pulling the weeds by hand and throwing them away. She admitted that the process was time consuming and would have to be repeated every year, but said that if more people would aid in the effort, Laurel Lake could be rid of the tall weeds that have hampered boaters, swimmers and fishermen in recent years.

William S. Enser, Conservation Commission member, agreed with Mrs. Geller that the cosmetic appearance of the lake could be improved by community effort while other solutions are sought to improve the water quality of the lake — a process that could take more than a decade.

Conservation Commission members said more homeowners and interested citizens than were present were needed to form a representative committee on the future of Laurel Lake, and said persons interested in forming a committee to study the future of Laurel Lake should attend the commission's meeting next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Windsor girl faces



DEBATING WEED REMOVAL from Laurel Lake, Shaun Kelly, temporary chairman of the Laurel Lake Association, makes a point to, from left to right, William S. Enser Jr., Bonnie Viner and Anne Errington.

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Nation's first ad agency head was born in Lee

LEE — Governor Dukakis has issued a citation to a New York advertising agency recognizing today as the 130th anniversary of the birth of Francis Wayland Ayer of Lee, founder of the nation's oldest existing advertising agency.

Ayer's birthday will pass without any formal recognition or ceremony here. Born Feb. 4, 1848, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wheeler Ayer, he is now forgotten in his hometown. An informal survey of local residents and officials yesterday failed to reveal a single person who had ever heard of the entrepreneur who revolutionized the advertising business.

His family's relocation to Philadelphia when Ayer was 16 may explain the native son's local obscurity. It is not known that Ayer ever returned to Lee. He has no known surviving descendants in the area.

In 1869, at the age of 21, F.W. Ayer founded an advertising agency in Philadelphia. Ayer used his father's initials to name the agency N.W. Ayer & Son. The agency, now the oldest surviving advertising agency in the country, is now known as N.W. Ayer ABH International. According to an official there, Ayer chose his father's initials for the company name because he wanted to create an old and established image for the firm. His father, an educator and minister, never worked in the firm that bore his name.

According to Brad Lynch, an executive at N.W. Ayer ABH International, F.W. Ayer was a brilliant innovator.

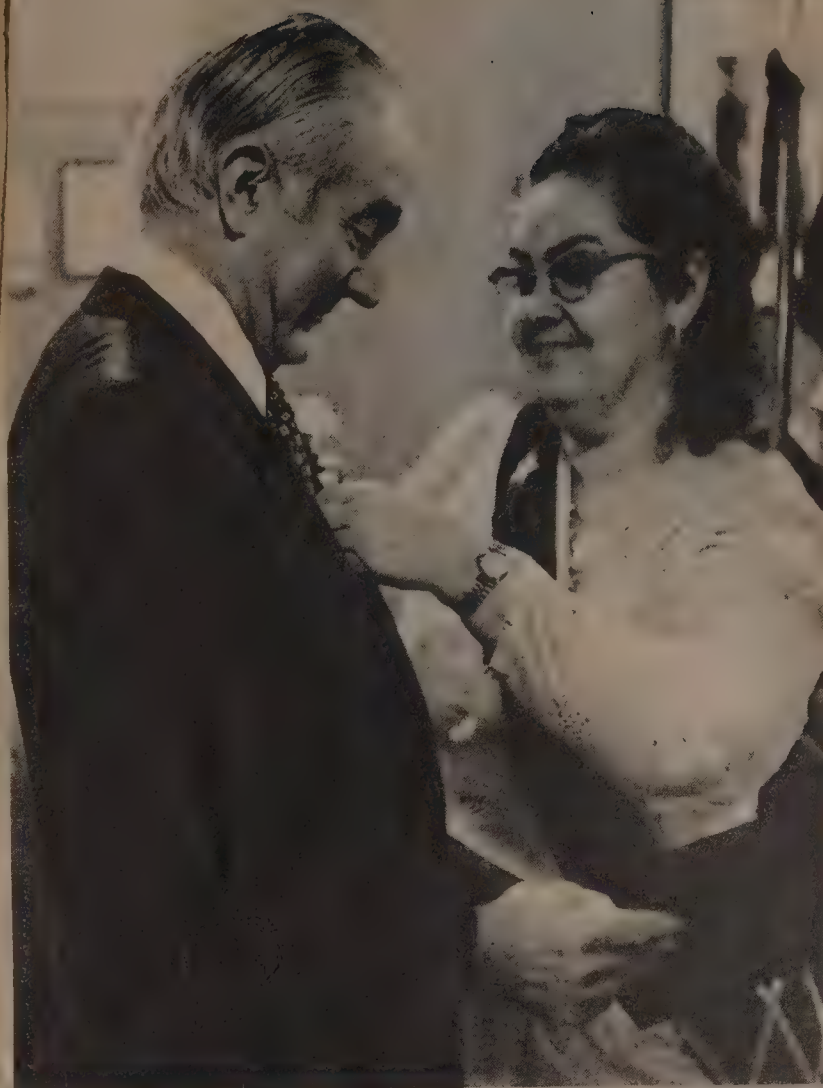
"When Ayer started in the advertising business," Lynch said, "advertisers represented newspapers. They went to businesses and solicited ads. Ayer turned the advertising world around. He was the first to represent the clients. He was the first to buy space for clients. It's been that way ever since."

Ayer, who lived in Camden, N.J. the latter part of his adult life, died in 1925.

His name passed from local memory and from the memories of those outside the advertising world. The agency that he started and named after his father still bears the father's name.

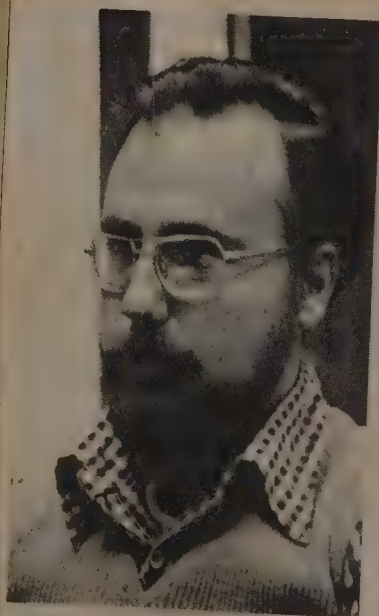
Several years ago, the name of the advertising agency cropped up in the Berkshires a number of times because of the company's annual national contest that cited newspapers judged to have superior typography, make-up and printing. The Berkshire Eagle was cited several years.

The contest was discontinued a few years ago when changes in the newspaper industry made high-quality typography so common the citations became meaningless.



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FETED WITH FLOWERS and praise, the Rev. Walter S. Ryan reads a certificate presented to him by the Lee Grange, as Mrs. Vera L. Somes pins a carnation on his lapel.



Susan Besaw Walsh

William S. Enser
Studied Laurel Lake

10 — The Berkshire Eagle, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1977

Lee to inventory emergency equipment

By John S. Egan

LEE — The Selectmen last night appointed a member of the Fire Department to draw up a master list of all the emergency equipment in Lee and to be the one man in town responsible for the speedy location of any of that equipment in the event of a community-wide disaster.

William DeFreest, 23, of 75 Franklin St. will be the coordinator of the newly formed Emergency Services Committee, an organization composed of the heads of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Red Cross, the ambulance squad and local civil defense. In the next few months, DeFreest will survey each of the town's five emergency services to determine what equipment each possesses and then draw up a master list of all equipment.

According to the Selectmen, the new coordinator and his master list will be particularly useful in the event of another community-wide disaster like the power outage last winter — one which forced people to



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William DeFreest
Named coordinator

leave their heatless homes and seek emergency housing in the town until the heat was restored. With his master list, DeFreest will be able to secure generators, cots, blankets and

other supplies necessary for the support of townspeople in an emergency situation.

DeFreest stresses that the new volunteer position does not duplicate any emergency services currently available in Lee, and that it will "relieve the chiefs of some pressure in emergency situations and let them do their jobs."

DeFreest said that he would also do his best to let the community know what equipment it does possess and what services it can count on in the event of a community-wide disaster.

At present, the Airolti Office Building on Railroad Street, the courthouse and the Fire Station have generators and the three locations can be used as emergency housing centers.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg
Kevin B. Finnerty

Finnerty named president of Lee Lions Club

LEE — Kevin B. Finnerty of Cape Street, East Lee, has been named the president of the Lee Lions Club. He succeeds David R. Walker.

Joining Finnerty as officers of the club are Joseph Valenti of Fairview Street, 1st vice president; Hugo Sanjurjo of Theresa Terrace, 2nd vice president; Donald Mooney of Navin Avenue, 3rd vice president; Joseph Burke of Lenox Dale, secretary; James Kuneman of Theresa Terrace, treasurer; Joseph Boldyga of Fairview Street, Lion tamer, and Joseph Dupont of Fairview Street, tail twister.

Finnerty is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. He is married to the former Laura Jane Stevens of Great Barrington and works with his father-in-law in the family business, the Stevens Funeral Home in Stockbridge and Great Barrington.

He is a graduate of Pace College and studied for two years at the New England Institute of Funeral Directing and Embalming in Boston. He graduated in May with high honors.

Finnerty is a member of the board of directors of the Recording for the Blind in Lenox and is a former president of the East Lee Civic Association.



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PROPRIETORS of shops at Nejaime's Center in Lee display their wares. Standing from left to right are Mary Jo Drumm, Edward Drumm and Mary Drumm, all of Mimi's Attic and Ed's Bike and Sports Center; Carolyn Garrity of the Denim Shop; Pauline Laudon of

Pick-A-Dilly Square; David Seamans of the Leather and Jewelry Tree, and Joseph Campbell of the Beef Galley. Seated are Lester J. Clarke of the House of Earth, and managers Elizabeth Leopold of Apple-A-Day and Anthony George of Nejaime's Wine and Cheese Shop.

Unusual assortment of businesses occupy former supermarket in Lee

By John S. Egan

LEE — The proprietors of the two newest shops in Nejaime's Center are outranked in age and business experience by most of the other shop owners at this mall, which was carved out of a former grocery store by Nabih Nejaime.

Both Anthony George and Carolyn Garrity have one thing in common with the owners of the other seven shops in the Center. They are driven by a desire to succeed at small entrepreneurial capitalism.

Mall owner Nabih Nejaime understands that drive. A native of Lebanon, he came to the United States 25 years ago with a

determination to succeed in the grocery business. For many years now he has owned Nejaime's Stockbridge Market and the Stockbridge Wine Cellar. In 1972 he expanded his grocery business to Lee when he took over the 10,000-square-foot building on Housatonic Street. He ran a grocery there until 1976, when he closed the store because it wasn't making enough money. The setback was temporary.

Last May the building reopened as a mini-mall, with six tenants occupying shops ranged around the outside walls and in the center section of the building. Now there are nine businesses in operation at the mall. Most of the shops are open Monday through Saturday from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m., but some stay open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

George, manager of Nejaime's Wine and Cheese Shop, and Miss Garrity, owner of the Denim Shop, operate the two newest additions. Their stores are in the center section, directly in front of the shopper as he walks in the mall's entrance.

The Wine and Cheese Shop, which opened last month, features a variety of domestic and imported wines as well as a wide offering of different kinds of beer. Wheels of Cheddar, balls of provolone, Edam and Gouda are just some of the cheeses that are kept in stock.

George, who graduated from college last year, is Nejaime's cousin. As manager of the shop, he said, he is trying to follow his relative's business philosophy of keeping prices low and trying to please the customer.

"We want to market cheese and wine at prices that people can afford," he said. "And we're building our stock slowly because we want to carry items that appeal to our Lee customers. If someone comes in and asks for a bottle of wine that we don't have, we'll order it and try to keep some on hand for the next time the customer comes in."

Besides managing the Wine and Cheese Shop, George recently bought the Apple-A-Day Food and Nutrition Center, located nearby in the center section of the mall.

Miss Garrity opened the Denim Shop late last year. Perhaps one of the few high school students to own and operate a business, Miss Garrity is a senior at Monument Mountain High School.

This year, she works at the shop after school and on Saturdays. After graduation she plans to be there full time.

"I decided to take money that might have gone to college and put it into a business," she said. "I thought I could learn more here than if I went on in school. So far I've learned a great deal."

Since its opening, the Denim Shop has recently expanded into an adjoining space that was vacant. Racks against one wall contain blue jeans in every style to fit from a 25-inch to 42-inch waists. Leather hats, sheepskin vests and shirts are regularly featured. For the spring, Miss Garrity has enlarged her stock to include painters' pants, shorts, sandals and sneakers.

After visiting the Wine and

STANLEY

Cable TV move to Lee allowable under new law

LEE — Berkshire Cable Television Co. apparently will be allowed to move its headquarters to the former Garrity Construction Co. building on Silver Street because of a legal technicality, and not because the area is zoned for business.

The building, just off Route 20, is located about three miles from the center of town and four miles from the Becket town line. The neighborhood is zoned for residential use, and the Planning Board last week told owner Henry Garrity that the television company couldn't move into the space.

The Planning Board members also noted that the company had not applied for a certificate of occupancy or obtained the necessary inspection of its septic sewage facilities.

New state law

But Monday night the Selectmen said the company would be able to move into the space because of a provision of state law Chapter 808, the zoning law that automatically takes effect next July. Although the town has not approved Chapter 808, Town Counsel James P. Dohoney has advised the Selectmen that a provision concerning non-complying uses applies to the case of Berkshire Cable.

The provision states that if a zoning permit is given incorrectly but no town body lodges a formal complaint within six years, the permit is allowed to stand in perpetuity.

Although the Silver Street area is zoned residential, Garrity received a business permit for his garage in September 1970. No formal objections have been raised since that time, although in 1970 the Selectmen had approved the permit over the objections of the Planning Board.

That means, Dohoney has advised, that despite the wrongful issuance of the permit seven years ago, and the fact the town has not approved the state statute governing the time allowed for protests, Berkshire Cable has a legal right to move.

The Selectmen in 1970 were

Chairman Andre W. Jaouen, Henry Piekos and Edward F. Murray. The members of the Planning Board were Chairman J. Peter Scolforo, William B. Navin, Arnold J. Scaramuzzi, Francis D. Foley Jr. and Martin H. Deely.

The 1970 permit was for a garage, and Berkshire Cable has officially said it plans to use part of the space for the storage and repair of motor vehicles.

In other business involving the Garrity garage, Atty. Henry M. Donahue of Lee applied Monday night for a certificate of occupancy on behalf of Berkshire Cable.

Glass recycling program is dropped in Lee

LEE — The town will have to end its glass recycling project because the Connecticut firm that has been collecting the glass has gone out of business.

S&T Industries, Inc., of Vernon, Conn., said in a letter to town officials that they were forced to halt operations because the concern that takes the glass from S&T no longer finds it financially profitable to continue.

The glass had been collected at the corner of Railroad and Eaton streets.

In other business Monday night, the Selectmen:

— Received petitions supporting the Council on Aging's plans to hire six CETA workers to carry on programs at the recently opened Senior Citizens Room at the Airolti Office Building. The Selectmen said their position of opposing the hiring of the workers would continue until the council submitted detailed explanations of why the CETA workers were needed.

— Received notice that U.S. Fiber had constructed a fiberglass enclosure around the stacks atop its Marble Street plant to insure that dust doesn't fall all over the neighborhood. Residents of the area had complained last week about pollution of their neighborhood.

May 1, 1978



John S. Egan

LIFE SAVERS Francis and Patrick Hughes, second and fourth from left, are honored by the Lee Veterans of Foreign Wars for waking up a Summer Street man whose house was on fire. Presenting citations are Sons of the VFW Commander George Scapin Jr., extreme left, and VFW Commander John E. Farina, center. Sons of the VFW adviser Robert Giarolo stands at right. Ceremony was at the Lee Sportsmen's Club.

Lee boys cited for saving life

LEE — Two local boys who last summer saved a neighbor's life by entering his burning house and awakening him were honored with citations from the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a ceremony Saturday at the Lee Sportsmen's Club on Fairview Street.

Francis Hughes, 15, and Patrick Hughes, 14, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hughes of Summer Street, were presented framed citations by local VFW Commander John E. Farina.

The two boys are members of the local chapter of the Sons of the VFW, an organization which now has about 20 members. Also on hand to present the award and extend congratulations were George Scapin Jr., commander of the Sons of the VFW, and Robert Giarolo, Sons of the VFW

adviser.

The Hughes brothers were sitting in their living room watching television at about 8:30 p.m. last July 5 when their father saw flames shooting from the roof of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook across the street. A car was parked outside of the two-story building. While Mr. Hughes called the Fire Department, his two sons ran across the street to see if anyone was home.

Cook, his wife and their two children, who have since moved to Laurel Street, were living on the western side of the two-apartment structure. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, were living on the eastern side of the house. The elder Cooks had left for a vacation in Rhode Island about three hours

before the fire was spotted.

"We saw the flames shooting out of a vent in the roof and starting to go up to the top," remembered Francis Hughes. "We knocked on the door but there wasn't any answer. We went on in, through the kitchen and into the living room. There weren't any flames inside. Mr. Cook was on a couch, kind of half-asleep."

"We said 'Get out of the house — there's a fire,'" Francis said. "He jumped up right away and we all ran out of the house."

The boys, 7th and 8th graders at Lee Central School, said they'd hadn't been afraid to enter the house. "You didn't have time to even think about being scared," according to Patrick.

Four trucks from the Lee Fire Department responded to the blaze. The fire, which gutted the laundry room, living room and two bedrooms of the eastern apartment, took more than two hours to bring under control.

"We figured the boys risked their lives," said VFW Commander Farina to the crowd of more than 100 persons who were gathered Saturday for the VFW's sixth annual dinner. "We figured we should do something for them."

The brothers seemed to take the recognition and the applause in stride. Francis, who will attend Lee High School next year, said he wants to be an electrical engineer or a forest ranger someday. Patrick said he plans to become a state trooper.

Zoning may block CATV move to Lee

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Berkshire Cable Television, Inc.'s, plans to move into the former Garrity Construction Co. garage on Route 20 in East Lee ran into a legal problem last night when the Selectmen and Planning Board said the company did not have the necessary permits to set up a business there.

Harry Garrity, owner of the garage, was told by the Planning Board that the company had to have approval of a permit for a business before the move could take place. The board also said all the septic system requirements had not yet been met because the building stands near a stream. Different capacities are required for a garage than for a business.

The board said that meant the present system was suitable for a garage, which was the use employed by Garrity, but not as a business office, which is the use planned by Berkshire Cable.

Building Inspector Edward M. Briggs said Berkshire Cable had the necessary permits to open a facility for the storage and repair of vehicles. Discussing the situation with the Selectmen, Briggs reiterated the company did not have the necessary permits to open a business.

John L. Diegel, general manager of Berkshire Cable, said this morning he had been told by the company's attorney, Ronald E. Oliveira of Pittsfield, that the company had all the necessary permits. Diegel said he had spoken with Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova and had told him to have the Town Counsel James P. Dohoney contact Oliveira. Oliveira was in court this morning and could not be reached.

The company announced last week that it planned to move from its present location at the Barrington Plaza on Aug. 1.

Garrity two months ago tried to get a zoning variance to have a public auction house located at the garage, which is about four miles from the center of town. That variance was denied on the grounds that the garage is in a residential area.

In other business last night, the Selectmen:

— Heard a complaint from Nelson Tacey about the low water pressure and dirty water at his laundromat at the Park Plaza Shopping Center yesterday about noon. Department of Public Works Supt. J. Peter Scolforo said the problem was created when Kaufman Brothers checked their sprinkler system. Scolforo said the problem lasted for no more than 30 minutes.

— Received complaints from several residents of Marble Street about the white dust covering the neighborhood. The dust is alleged to have come from the U.S. Fiber Co. on Marble Street. The firm has been the object of repeated complaints in recent years. The Selectmen said they would make an inspection of the neighborhood this afternoon.

— Received notification from Police Chief John J. Boyne that he had received the list of dog owners who had not registered their pets from Town Clerk John J. Nagle. Boyne said the violators would be sent court summonses by the end of the first week in August.

Berkshire Cable To Move To East Lee

GT. BARRINGTON — Berkshire Cable Television Co., Inc., which has been based in Great Barrington since 1966, will move its offices to East Lee effective August 1.

The new offices will be in the former Garrity Construction Co. building on Silver Street off Route 20, opposite the East Lee Steak House according to John L. Diegel, general manager of the cable company. The move will take place at the end of the business day on Friday, July 29. Diegel said he expects the company to be open for business at the new location on Monday morning, August 1. At that time all cable payments should be sent to P.O. Box J, Lee.

Reception facilities will continue to be maintained on top of Warner Mountain in Great Barrington.

Diegel said the move is being undertaken in an effort to provide better service from a more central location to all communities served by the cable system. Berkshire Cable serves Lee, Lenox, Lenoxdale and Stockbridge, as well as Great Barrington and Housatonic. For the past three years it has operated from offices at the plaza Shopping Center on Stockbridge Road in Great Barrington.

Also scheduled to be changed effective August 1 are the cable company's telephone numbers. The new numbers will be 528-0676 for Great Barrington and Housatonic subscribers and

243-0676 for subscribers in Lee, Lenox, Lenoxdale and Stockbridge. A 24-hour answering service will be in effect at the new location, Diegel said.

Diegel also announced several moves by the company to upgrade its service.

All service vehicles are being replaced, he said, with two new bucket truck chassis and a new van already acquired. A second van will be added in the near future, resulting in a fleet of four service vehicles, he said.

Diegel also said the company's program of upgrading amplifiers throughout the system is continuing, along with a program of upgrading facilities at the Warner mountain antenna site. In addition, new service techniques and assignments will be instituted to coincide with the move to East Lee.

Berkshire Cable Television Co. was started in Great Barrington in 1966 by High Fidelity magazine and was known as High Fidelity Cable Television until July 1, 1974, when the magazine was acquired by American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. The cable company remained the property of Billboard Publications, Inc., former owner of High Fidelity, and changed its name to Berkshire Cable Television.

In 1975, the cable system was acquired by two Rhode Island men, George Sisson and James MacDonald, who have operated it since that time.

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Lee eyes bylaw about complaints against officials

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — A petition asking town meeting representatives to adopt a bylaw requiring all complaints against town officials to be made in writing has been submitted to the Selectmen for inclusion on the next town meeting warrant.

The movement for the bylaw is an offshoot of an incident involving Police Chief John J. Boyne in which three men came into the Selectmen's office to file charges against Boyne.

Never presented in writing

While the three men said they were charging Boyne with harassment, assault and battery and being drunk, they never submitted the charges in writing.

John J. Burns of 76 Housatonic St. submitted the petition at the close of a hearing last Wednesday into the three men's charges against Boyne. The three said at the hearing they could not testify on the charges because they had court cases pending on the incident from which the charges came. That meant the three men's complaints against a town official never had to be put in writing, Burns said.

Burns said Wednesday he thought putting complaints against elected officials in writing from the outset would stop irresponsible charges from being brought.

"It's too easy just to go in and

say something against an official and then have it printed in the paper," Burns said in an interview after the Wednesday hearing.

Town bylaws now require that charges be put in writing, but only before the actual hearing is held. The proposed bylaw would require that charges be put in writing when they are first brought before the Selectmen.

The petition included the signatures of 10 residents, the number required to have the proposed bylaw placed on a town meeting warrant.

The proposed bylaw states:

"That the Board of Selectmen do not accept a complaint against any town of Lee employee, whether he be full-time or volunteer, unless the complainant reduces the complaint to writing and presents it to said board."



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

TOWER of a building at High Lawn Farm on Summer Street in Lee looms in the distance across the farm's fields. Photo looks south from Summer Street.

Learning Connection promotes swapping of special skills

By Gerald B. O'Connor

A Pittsfield woman who is an art teacher wanted someone to paint the ceilings in her house. In exchange, she proposed to give the painter free art lessons.

The idea of swapping ceiling painting for art lessons became reality through a fledgling organization called the Learning Connection, says one of the Connection's founders, Zoe Dalheim.

Learns German

A Lee woman who planned to go with her husband to Germany for 2½ weeks wanted to learn enough German to enable her to shop, speak on the telephone and do other things in Germany.

Through the Learning Connection, she found an instructor in German who gave her a cram course. She returned from Germany week before last and said her three-week cram course had helped her considerably.

Mrs. Dalheim, who lives in Lee, and Adele Bowmar of Pittsfield launched the Learning Connection in October and have placed brochures about it in all county libraries.

Mrs. Bowmar and Mrs. Dalheim, longtime friends, began planning formation of the Connection last spring. They were originally inspired, they said, by a report five years ago in a national news magazine, by more recent evidence that the concept is working successfully in some major cities — Chicago and Los Angeles are two examples — and by the frustrations of job-hunting in this area's tight job market.

"We did our own legal work and got state approval as a non-profit public corporation," Mrs.

Dalheim said.

The Learning Connection is set up as an exchange, or clearinghouse, in which people who want to learn or to obtain some kind of service are matched with persons who can teach them or otherwise provide what they are seeking.

"Berkshire County has a wealth of educational resources in the people who live and work here," Mrs. Dalheim and Mrs. Bowmar say.

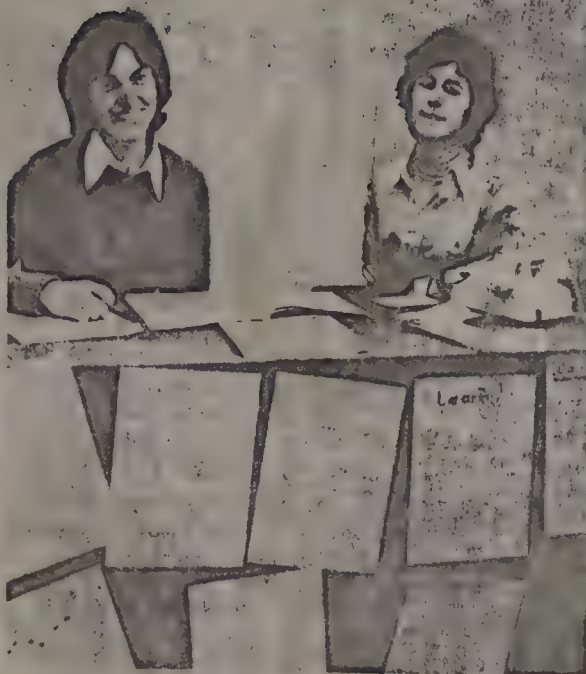
There are people who want to share knowledge on such things as retirement laws and special education, persons whose husbands or wives have died and who want to contact others who have suffered the same losses, groups in search of speakers and speakers in search of people to talk to.

Mrs. Dalheim and Mrs. Bowmar say they recently received a request to place a local resident in contact with people who are trained in biofeedback, a method of helping people naturally control functions like heartbeat.

"We didn't know what it was at first," the two women said. "We thought we might have to go as far as Schenectady, N.Y., but we found there are experts in biofeedback here in the county."

In setting up the exchange, Mrs. Dalheim and Mrs. Bowmar say they want it to supplement existing educational services, not supplant them. "If we get an inquiry and know that some service exists that will answer it," said Mrs. Bowmar, "we will make referrals. We don't have any desire to usurp any service that's working."

The Connection is headquartered in an alcove at the Either/Or Bookstore at 122 North St. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Mon-



Joel Libizzi

AT THEIR DESK at the Learning Connection office are Adele Bowmar, left, and Zoe Dalheim

day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Mrs. Dalheim said they can be contacted in person, by mail or by telephone.

"By law, our service is free," she said. "Our financial base will come from contributions, funding and the like. We're giving ourselves a year or two to get it going."

No rent

One of the contributions is from Shirley B. Blanchard, proprietor of Either/Or, who provides the alcove without charge. There is a desk and there are some paintings on the walls by Berkshire Community College instructor Mario Caluori.

"We hope we'll need some filing cabinets soon," Mrs. Dalheim said.

Although the Connection charges no fees, persons who provide instruction, or lead seminars or speak to audiences may charge for their services. The kind and amount of any fee will be determined by the people involved.

As in the case of the art teacher who wanted her ceilings painted, the fee may take the form of compensating work or

instruction. As with the woman who learned German, the fee may be a sum of money. Or there may be no charge at all.

Mrs. Bowmar, who lives at 418 Holmes Road, is a graduate of North Adams State College with a degree in education. She and her husband Robert have three children.

Mrs. Dalheim, who lives at Theresa Terrace in Lee, has a bachelor's degree in education and literature from Syracuse University and a master's degree in counseling from Westfield State College. She and her husband, Stuart, have four children.

Lee board reorganizes changes time, to use agenda

LEE — The starting time of Selectmen's meetings will be changed to 30 minutes earlier, at 7 p.m. on Mondays, the board decided last night at its organizational meeting.

Joseph J. Castronova, the senior member of the board, will serve as chairman next year. William M. Murphy will be the clerk and newly elected member Maria D. Bettega will be the third member.

In other organizational action last night, the Selectmen decided they would begin using an agenda. They asked that anyone wishing to see the board during its meetings make an appointment by noon of the Friday before the meeting. The appointments may be made by contacting Elizabeth M. Larrivee, the Selectmen's secretary, at the Town Hall.

Castronova said the agenda deadline did not mean "that people can't come in out of the cold and talk with us. It just means those without an appointment will have to come at the tail end of the meeting, rather



Joseph J. Castronova

than at the beginning."

He said the reason for the agenda was "to give us some idea what we're going to be discussing. That way we can pre-

pare an answer, or have the town counsel at our meeting if it appears it will be necessary."

The board also decided that if they cannot meet on Mondays because of a holiday, they will convene on Wednesdays.

Other business

In other business last night, the Selectmen:

— Said they had been informed that the state Department of Public Works will not have the sections of Route 20 it is responsible for cleaned until sometime in July. Residents of the street, which includes Housatonic Street and Water streets, have complained of sand that has not yet been removed. The state is responsible for maintaining some sections of the road.

— Received a report from Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo that Engine 5's motor was burned out when it was called upon to pump out cellars during the spring's flooding. Giarolo said a local mechanic wants \$1,000 to do the work, but that

the Fire Department can also send away for new parts at a cost of between \$400 and \$500. The Selectmen opted for the less expensive alternative, and said they would pay the bill. The truck is also used to fight forest fires and as the muster team's competition truck.

— Were told by Kenneth J. LaBier of the Disaster Relief Committee that no local electrician or mechanic could repair the generator at the Town Hall used during power failures. He said a repairman from West Springfield would repair the generator today at a cost of between \$100 and \$200. The generator broke down during last week's snowstorm. The Selectmen said the generator should be repaired immediately because it provides power to the town's switchboard and Police Department during power failures.

— Received an application for a permit for a kennel from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dubuc of Adams. The couple wants to buy the John E. Davis property on Forest Street near the Tyringham line. The Davises' had a permit to keep 15 dogs, and the Dubucs said they might want to expand the facilities to accommodate "between 40 and 50 dogs." The Selectmen said they have never received an application for so many dogs, and wanted to consult with town counsel before granting the permit.

— Received a complaint from dog officer Francis Clark that Berkshire County dog officer Eleanor Sonsini had been making surprise inspections in Lee. The Selectmen agreed with Clark that Mrs. Sonsini should consult Clark before visiting

any local homes. Clark appeared at the meeting with Mr. and Mrs. William Winters of Water Street, who said Mrs. Sonsini had been at their home. Winters said he resented the visit by Mrs. Sonsini.



FLAMES DEVOUR the Stedman rake factory in Tyringham early this morning in a general-alarm blaze.

Mark Mitchell

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Impact of dam project denied at federal level

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While a group of Berkshire County environmentalists await a decision from state officials on whether a detailed study is required of the environmental impact of the Washington Mountain Brook watershed project, federal officials have concluded that from their standpoint no such study is needed.

Both the state and federal officials are relying on basically the same information.

The federal decision came yesterday from Benjamin Isgur, state conservationist for the federal Soil Conservation Service, which would provide the bulk of the funds to build two additional impoundment dams in the watershed, located in the October Mountain State Forest.

Impact 'not significant'

In a statement released by the Soil Conservation Service, Isgur said the service had determined, based on a consultant's study done by Ecol-Sciences, Inc., a Virginia firm, "the installation of the remaining project measures will not create significant adverse impacts on the environment and that there is not significant controversy associated with the project."

Ironically, about 20 county residents, including some of the Berkshire's most renowned naturalists, have relied heavily on information in the Ecol-Sciences report in requesting state Secretary of Environmental Affairs Evelyn Murphy to require a detailed environmental study of the project. The state and federal government have separate but similar mechanisms under which the public can seek to have detailed environmental studies made of government-sponsored projects. Both the state and federal government are contributing to the cost of the project, designed to provide flood control, a supplementary water supply for the town of Lee and a recreational

About \$900,000 has already been spent on the \$2.2 million project and one impoundment dam has been built. Two more

remain to be built and it is work on these two that the Berkshire County environmentalists are seeking to delay. Secretary Murphy has until Monday to decide whether the state will seek the more detailed study of the project's environmental impact.

Rare birds cause concern

The Berkshire County group, led by David L. Burg, a naturalist and caretaker of the Canoe Meadows Sanctuary in Pittsfield, claims on the basis of the Ecol-Sciences report that the project threatens two rare species of birds, the bluebird and the red-shouldered hawk, imperils the archeological remnants of a 19th century agricultural village and calls into question the fate of upland wetlands throughout the Berkshires.

However, Philip H. Christensen, assistant state conservationist for the federal Soil Conservation Service, said this morning that he did not believe the Ecol-Science report contained sufficient findings of possible environmental danger to warrant delaying work on the project, which has been under discussion in the county for nearly 17 years.

Christensen said there was no direct evidence that construc-

tion of the remaining two dams would endanger the archeological remnants directly. Instead, he said, the fears were only that increased use of the area would lead to "looting" of the remnants, a situation that he said was outside the Soil Conservation Service's field of responsibility.

Christensen acknowledged that the Ecol-Sciences report study had found rare birds in the Washington Mountain Brook watershed area but said there was no specific information that construction of two new lakes there would endanger their presence. He noted that, on balance, Ecol-Sciences itself had concluded there would be no overriding adverse impact from the project.

This morning, County Commissioner Peter G. Arlos, D-Pittsfield, said he was calling on Ms. Murphy to approve work on the project. Arlos said it would create jobs, provide flood control and increase tourism by allowing the development of recreational areas.

"Certainly," he said, "the acres of impounded water in this project are not a threat to the environment but of immense intrinsic value."

Lee police charge man with break

LEE — Acting on a tip from a Chapel Street resident, Lee police early Saturday morning arrested an Elmhurst, N.Y., man for breaking and entering into a Chapel Street home.

After receiving a call at the Town Hall switchboard of "a suspicious acting person" on Chapel Street at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, the police drove to the location and observed a vehicle backing out of a driveway. After the driver of the vehicle failed to stop for questioning, the police followed in a pursuit that led them up West Park Street into Stockbridge. State and Stockbridge police then joined in the chase. The vehicle was pulled over at Laurel Lane in Stockbridge.

The driver, Edward Jennings, 45, of Elmhurst, N.Y., was arrested. Lee police charged him with nighttime breaking and entering, larceny of a shotgun and possession of a firearm without proper identification and six motor vehicle violations.

Jennings was taken to the House of Correction. Bail was set at \$1,500. He was due in Lee District Court this morning for arraignment on the charges.



Mary I. Serra
Town Collector



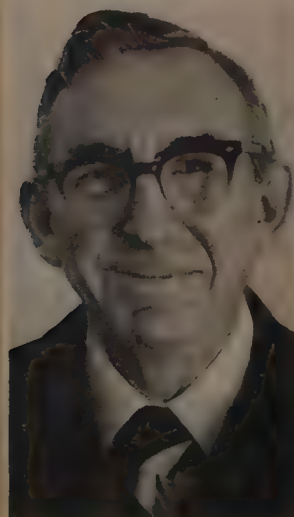
Janice G. Smith
Town Collector



James M. Graham
Town Collector



William F. Derrick
Assessor



Clyde A. Gleason
Assessor and
Housing Board



Henry G. Greiner
School Committee



Joseph C. Savery
School Committee



Nancy Warden
School Committee



Maria Bettega
Selectman



Marguerite Tristany
School Committee



Photos by Benjamin L. Ginsberg
William F. Tyer
School Committee

Mrs. Bettega gains seat on Lee Board of Selectmen

LEE — Maria "Lena" Bettega swept into a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen by better than a 3 to 1 margin yesterday in town elections that were marked by a light voter turnout of 26 per cent.

Mrs. Bettega, a Democrat, defeated her Republican challenger, George D. Rubin, by a vote of 640 to 189. It was Rubin's first try for political office.

In the only other contested race on the ballot, Marguerite Tristany and William F. Tyer were elected to three-year terms on the School Committee. Both are Democrats.

Miss Tristany, an incumbent, was the top vote-getter with 536 votes. The race for the second spot on the committee was tighter, with Tyer defeating Republican David M. Parker by a vote of 435 to 419. It was Parker's third attempt to win a seat on the committee. He had waged the most active campaign of all the candidates on the ballot. Tyer has served six years on the committee, but did not seek re-election last year.

Eighteen town meeting representatives were also elected for three-year terms. In the only contest, political newcomer Paul R. Collins topped three incumbents in District 4. Also winning seats were Stephen A.

Cozzaglio and Joseph F. DuPont. The defeated incumbent in District 4 was William F. Powers, who is also chairman of the town Conservation Commission.

In District 5, where only two candidates were on the official ballot, 19-year-old Joseph Buffis garnered enough write-in votes to win the third seat.

The high vote-getter for the day was Dr. Charles W. Stratton, who won 762 votes as he was re-elected to his seat on the Board of Health.

The total voter turnout was 857. There are 3,259 registered voters in the town.

The results:

Moderator
Elect 1, 1 year
Henry M. Donahoe 696

Selectman
Elect 1, 3 years

Maria Bettega 640
George D. Rubin 189
James M. Graham 1

Assessor
Elect 1, 3 years
John J. Nagle 732

School Committee
Elect 2, 3 years
Marguerite M. Tristany 536
William F. Tyer 435
David M. Parker 419

Planning Board
Elect 1, 5 years
Ann Marie Collins 634

Planning Board

Elect 1, 3 years
James E. Kuneman 489

Board of Health

Elect 1, 3 years
Dr. Charles W. Stratton 762

Housing Authority

Elect 1, 5 years
Francis G. Fanning 855

District 1 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
V. Michael Sinacori 68
Edward D. Forfa 48
Sandra M. Corcoran 37

District 2 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
William E. Noonan 120
Alfred F. Turner 118
David S. Bravo Jr. 116

District 3 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
Ottavio J. Blasin 94
Marion A. Greenleaf 63
Helen W. Linton 68

District 4 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
Paul R. Collins 121
Stephen A. Cozzaglio 107
Joseph F. DuPont 75
William F. Powers 69

District 5 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
Bernard A. Judware 96
Clyde A. Gleason 92
Joseph Buffis 5

District 6 Representative

Elect 3, 3 years
James F. Nolan 78
Janice G. Smith 70
Richard H. DuPont 70

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The Farmer's Market

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Harris photo
The Farmer's Market opened its doors on Main Street in Lee last week. Pictured above (left to right) are the establishment's owners, Helen Turner, John D. Depaoli, and Robert E. Turner, Jr. The store offers fresh produce and imported and domestic cheese, as well as eggs, maple syrup, and Vienna bread from Komuniecki's Bakery in Pittsfield. The store's hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, and until 8 p.m. Fridays.



WINCING and holding his breath, head Lee High School coach John J. Consolati gets a bivalent flu shot from Gertrude Fresia of Lee's Visiting Nurse Association Tuesday. The shot was administered with the conventional needle. Friday evening, the association will give swine flu shots to town employees and any Lee resident between 18 and 65 years of age at the town offices on Railroad Street. The shots will be applied with a painless "jet gun." Two thousand doses have been ordered.

Mark C. Miller

Nine New Businesses



THE PLANT POT: Owned by Tom Mucci of Lenox and managed by Helena Baril of Lenox (above), the store offers all varieties of house plants, plant food, and pots. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday; until 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and until 4 p.m. Sunday.



YOUR SCOTTISH CONNECTION: David and Linda McMeekin of Great Barrington feature Scottish food, "tartan trivia," imported jewelry, knitwear, and records, and even bagpipe supplies. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Lee budgets \$2,500 for fireworks exhibition

LEE — The climax of the town's Sept. 4 bicentennial celebration will be a 30-minute, \$2,500 fireworks display.

Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo, who is organizing the event, Monday night told the Selectmen the display would begin at 9 or 9:30 at the high school.

Giarolo said the display would be launched from the left center field area of the baseball field and aimed toward East Lee.

He said that he, Police Chief John J. Boyne and Selectman Maria D. Bettega had met with

an agent who will put on the display. He said the three had been assured there would be no danger to nearby houses.

Members of the Fire Department will aid police with crowd control that evening.

In other bicentennial news, Parade Committee Chairman John E. Farina of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said that more than 200 invitations had been mailed out to bands for the Sept. 4 parade. The committee has budgeted \$6,250 for the cost of the parade.



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SWORN IN Friday in Boston as members of the Massachusetts Council of Arts and Humanities were Tyngham resident Maria Cole, widow of singer Nat King Cole, and Janet H. B. Murrow, widow of newsman Edward R. Murrow. Ceremonies were conducted at the John McCormack state office building by Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Lee Main Street rezoning sought

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Main Street from St. Mary's Church north to the Sons of Italy Lodge will be rezoned a residential area with minimum lot sizes of 20,000 square feet if town meeting approves a petition presented to the Selectmen last night.

Also changed under the proposal from its current business and multiple-use zone would be the area bounded by the east side of High Street, the south side of School Street and the south side of Academy Street.

The petition was presented to Selectmen by the residents of the neighborhood. The drive to change the zoning started at the same time Peter Constantopoulos said he was considering moving his Lee Pizza business to the A.J. Maley house at the corner of Main and Academy streets.

Main Street has been zoned business since the town first adopted zoning 21 years ago. High, School, Academy and Ferncliff streets were designated part of a business zone when the town revised its zoning in 1974.

The residents, led by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Durocher who moved into an Academy Street house late last year, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cinella, who live in the Main Street house used as a doctor's office for many years by Cinella's father, originally wanted the area rezoned to residential-multiple dwelling.

But after meeting last night with the Selectmen and Town Counsel James P. Dohoney, the group agreed that an R-20 zone, with the 20,000-square-foot minimum, would be better. That decision came after Dohoney and Chairman Martin H. Deely warned that the residents would have to be careful of having the state attorney general calling the change

spot zoning and invalidating the their proposal.

Spot zoning is the practice of changing an area for discriminatory reasons to keep a particular tenant out of a building.

Under procedures that must be followed for a zoning change, the Selectmen and Planning Board will meet next Monday at 9 p.m. The Selectmen have 14 days from the day a zoning change is proposed (last night) to review the change, make a recommendation and refer it to the Planning Board.

The board, according to state law, must then hold a public hearing within 65 days of receiving a proposal from the Selectmen. Then, within 21 days of the public hearing, the board must submit a report to a town meeting. The town meeting must then act within six months. The Planning Board recommendation is not binding.

Important to residents concerned about Constantopoulos' plans is the fact that the land will be considered a business zone until the day the public notice of the hearing is filed by the Planning Board. Any plans he submitted before that day are guided by the restrictions governing business zones.

A business can still apply for permits after the public hearing, but the owner is "forewarned," meaning that if the change is eventually passed by the town meeting and approved by the attorney general, the restrictions of the new zone apply to the property.

Members of the Planning Board last night did not take any official position on the residents' proposal, but several indicated they were very reluctant to rezone Main Street a residential area. They pointed out that Main Street, or

Route 20, has been zoned business since 1956.

All members emphasized they wanted to work with the residents proposing the zoning change. "I'd like to see us work together," Chairman Jon H. Larson said. "We should work to come up with a sensible proposal that makes sense in the long run."

Member Dana P. LaDuke asserted that two houses on Main Street, similar in appearance but on the opposite side of the street from Cinella's house, were torn down last year. "Businesses on Main Street are the ideal way to keep those old houses up," he said. "Apparently those places no longer had value as houses, the upkeep and taxes were too high."

LaDuke also said he didn't know if the owners of property on Main Street realized that the value of their property would probably go down if the area was rezoned residential. "Those places are worth more if they are in a business zone," he said.

In another development, officials received an interpretation of the current zoning for the Main and Academy streets site concerning the possibility of having a restaurant on the first floor and two apartments on the second floor.

The opinion, from Atty. Brian J. Quinn of Pittsfield, said that both the business and the apartments were permitted as a right under the current bylaws. Quinn said the minimum lot size for a two-family dwelling is 12,000-square-feet.

Joseph M. Toole, the realtor for the property at Main and Academy streets, said this morning that "according to the information available to me the lot is between 14,700-square-feet to 15,000-square-feet."

Rev. Robert L. Curry dies; headed former Lenox School

LENOX — The Rev. Robert Lewis Curry, who served as headmaster of the former Lenox School here for 24½ years, died Feb. 13 at his home in Medomak, Maine, after suffering a heart attack.

He was the second headmaster at Lenox School and served from 1946 through December of 1969. Associates described him during those years as a man of undeniable leadership.

"He gives generously of himself and inspires the same sort of giving among those associated with him," one associate was quoted as saying in a 1960 Berkshire Eagle article entitled "Man Behind the Fastest Growing Prep School."

That same article described how enrollment increased from 52 students when Mr. Curry arrived in 1952 to 225 students in 1960.

Mr. Curry was quoted as saying one of the main purposes of a boys' private school, or "independent school" as he preferred to call it, is the effort "to work with an individual, to try and know as much about him as possible and to encourage his growth in every way — in the classroom, on the athletic field, in chapel, in his dormitory, at the table."

During his tenure as headmaster of Lenox School, Mr. Curry made a point of always keeping his door open to the students and knowing them all by name.

Ordained in 1940 as a priest of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Curry taught for four years at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. He also served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army for two years during World War II before



Rev. Robert L. Curry
At Lenox 24½ years

board's executive committee.

He was rector of St. Andrew's Church in Newcastle, Maine, for two years until his retirement in 1977.

Born in Fitchburg, he was a boy chorister and a graduate of Fitchburg High School. In 1931, he entered Boston University's College of Business Administration and, after completing the pre-legal requirements, he transferred to the university's school of law from which he graduated in 1936.

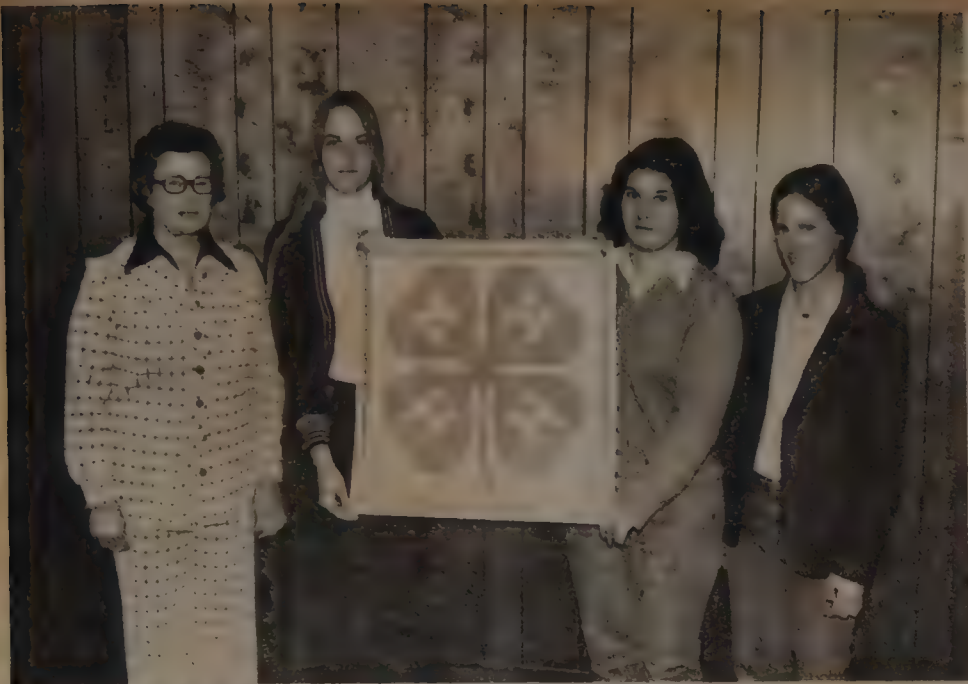
He also graduated from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge in 1939 and was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1960 from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. From 1972 to 1973, he was a canon of Christ Church in Springfield, the cathedral for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. He also formerly served as chairman of the advisory board of Berkshire Community College while headmaster of Lenox School.

During the summers, while he was going to college and attending the seminary, Mr. Curry was a cabin counselor and program director at Camp O-Ac-Ka in East Sebago, Maine. A few of the boys he met there later went to Lenox School.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Cartwright, whom he married in March 1944; a daughter, Susan Curry of Easthampton; a son, David Curry of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that gifts in his memory be sent to Camp O-Ac-Ka in East Sebago, Maine.



Do you know if the Cleveland Bay horse originated in Cleveland, Ohio? This is some of the information learned in the Tyngham-Lee 4-H Horse Club. One of the big events the club is involved in will be the 1977 4-H Horse Bowl Contest organized by the University of Massachusetts.

Above (l to r) adult leader, Alice M. Hale, and Jr. 4-H Leaders; Sara J. Wilson, Cathy Garrity, and club president, Jocelyn Brownlow wish to extend an invitation to all area youth interested in horse 448-8285.

The Cleveland Bay did not originate in Ohio!

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Benjamin L. Ginsberg

NEW HOME for the Berkshire Training and Employment Program's Lee office is in the building at left, to the rear of the U.S. Fiber Co. plant on Marble Street. The office moved last week from the Town Hall, which has been its home for nearly three years.

The new headquarters, which cost \$250 a month in rent, has six offices. BTEP, which administers the Comprehensive Training and employment program (CETA), serves 87 people from its Lee office. The space is rented from the U.S. Fiber Co.

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te/Business

Former Lee barber back, but with new approach

By Ben Ginsberg

LEE — Louis J. DiGrigoli is back in the hair business and has opened Hair Again, Ltd., at 6 Park Place, the former office of dentist Leo Maloney.

DiGrigoli's new shop features precision hair cutting for both men and women. The particular cut that DiGrigoli features is called wash and wear, which means that only a blow dry is necessary after washing.

DiGrigoli is the former owner of Professional Barbers on Main Street. He began that business in 1968 and went to work as manager of the Morgan House in 1974. He recently sold Professional Barbers to the two men who ran the business while DiGrigoli was working at the Morgan House — Robert Driscoll and Francis Puleri.

After leaving the Morgan House earlier this year, DiGrigoli decided to go back to school, and attended the Paul Mitchell Program in New York City. That method features study of the customer's cranial structure, facial structure and hair growth patterns before styling the hair by means of diagonal sectioning and horizon-

tal cutting.

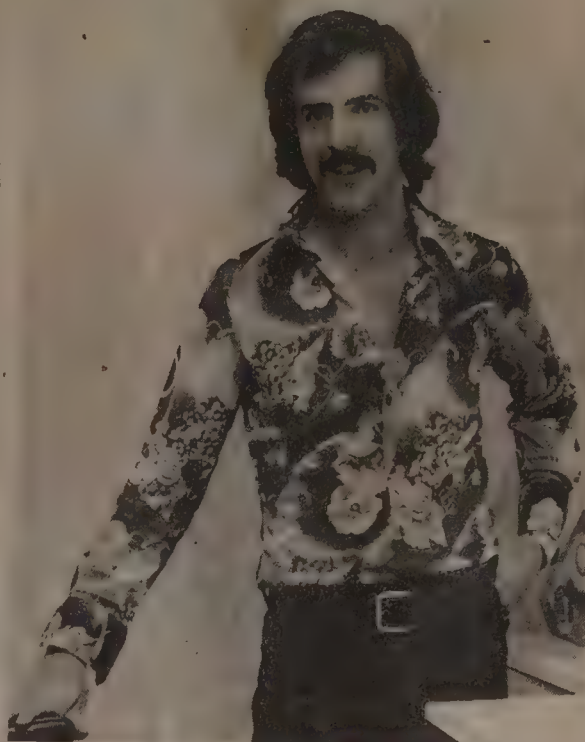
"This is where the styles are, this is what's happening in 1977," DiGrigoli says. "The mark of good hair style today is that it stays in place even when it's been blown by the wind."

He says the response to his business during the first two weeks of operations has been "very good." The store's basic hours are from 9 to 5 on Mondays through Saturdays, with closing time pushed back to 8 p.m. on Fridays. But DiGrigoli says he prefers to work with people making appointments, thereby insuring that customers don't have to wait.

But should a customer have to wait, he can do it a comfortable waiting room stocked with a plethora of current magazines. DiGrigoli's work space includes two chairs. He says he is looking for an assistant who can shampoo customers while he cuts hair.

All the redecoration work at the shop was done by Henry Soucie of Lee, DiGrigoli's father-in-law.

Hair Ltd. also features retail sales of brushes and hair dryers, as well as a complete line of hair-care products.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

HAIR AGAIN Ltd. is the new precision hair styling business opened by Louis J. DiGrigoli at 6 Park Plaza in Lee. DiGrigoli attended the Paul Mitchell Program earlier this year to learn how to give wash and wear cuts. Several years ago, he opened Professional Barbers in Lee.

Lee technician opens own electronics store

LEE — John C. LePrevost, trained as a technician during his eight years with the family's Henry's Electric Co., has moved out on his own and opened Le Electronics at 76 Main Street.

The new store, which is also run by his wife, Carol Navin LePrevost, features retail sales of Zenith and Quasar products, service on all brands of televisions, radios and stereos, and the sale and installation of antennas.

Henry's Electric is now being run by John's brother, Gerald, and their mother. John continues to do service work for that company.

John is a master technician, a trade he says he learned during his eight years serving on Polaris submarines. Besides his U.S. Navy training in electronics, LePrevost says long cruises on the submarines provided a lot of time for studying radio and television repairs. After the Navy he returned to Lee and the family business.

The couple's store, located on Main Street next door to the Lee News Room, is filled with new televisions, radios, stereos and accessories. The store was most recently used as a campaign headquarters.

Le Electronics will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 5 and on Saturdays from 8 to noon. John will be in the store in the mornings, and Carol will take over in the afternoon while John goes out on service calls.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LE ELECTRONICS on Main Street in Lee has been opened by John and Carol LePrevost. The store features Zenith and Quasar televisions, radios and stereos. LePrevost is a master technician and makes house calls.

Crackdown on back taxes requested by Lee board

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — The fact that demand notices have not been sent out by Tax Collector C. Marcel Brunell on more than \$400,000 in back taxes due the town must change, the town's Selectmen and Assessors told Brunell last night during a sometimes heated hour-long session.

Stressing that the \$432,170 in motor vehicle excise, real estate, and personal property taxes for 1970 through 1977 represents about \$7 on the tax rate, the officials said the task was a top priority for the town. Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova also declared that \$432,170 in the bank would generate about \$50,000 in interest, or nearly \$1 on the tax rate.

Brunell, in defense of his performance as tax collector, said the top priority of the job was to collect tax money and turn it over to Town Clerk John J. Nagle. He said collecting back taxes was of secondary importance.

Brunell also said the daily work in the collector's office could not be accomplished in a normal workweek, and that he was working "two or three hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays." He said he could begin collecting back taxes as soon as the regular work was put in order, but did not say when that would be.

Brunell, 63, won re-election to a three-year term as collector in 1974. Shortly after he took over the job, the town changed its bill-collecting procedure. Much of the work was put on a computer system, and Brunell's office took over collection of water and sewer bills from the Department of Public Works.

A potentially significant legal battle also began to take shape last night. The Selectmen and Assessors said they thought the list of those who owe back taxes should be printed in the newspaper. "Those who are paying should know those that aren't," Castronova stated.

"This thing is going to go one of two ways — either we are going to start getting our tax money or people just won't bother to pay their taxes because they know we won't come after them."

But Brunell said he would not release the list of delinquent taxpayers and the amounts they owe. He also refused to discuss specific information on delinquent accounts in public session with anyone other than the Selectmen and their representatives.

"I will refuse to publish the delinquents and the overdue amounts. I would rather be ordered to release the list by a court than get sued for defamation of character. The only way you'll get that list printed is to issue me a letter saying the Selectmen are responsible," Brunell said.

Brunell also was urged to take advantage of the services of John J. Wheeler, the deputy tax collector. Wheeler can serve demand notices on delinquent taxpayers as part of the effort to collect the money for the town.

Brunell was urged to use Wheeler to place liens against people who have not paid taxes. Assessor John Loring noted liens can be placed on a property 14 days after a demand notice is sent out. "That way the people can't sell their house out from under us and leave town," Loring said. "That has happened in the past."

Brunell said he could begin using Wheeler to collect real estate taxes "as soon as I get the mess in the office straightened out." He did not say when that would be.

Wheeler was critical of Brunell, saying: "I have been in this job for five years, and I think I've gotten one notice from you. I just don't see how it could take you five years to get out one notice."

The Selectmen and Assessors reiterated that if taxes went uncollected and delinquents unpublicized, the result would be that more people would stop paying taxes.

"What really disturbs us," Castronova said, "is that we're losing money from those old accounts, and we're losing money from more recent ones because people are laughing at the Town of Lee because we haven't been collecting."

The Selectmen indicated they would consult with Town Counsel James P. Dohoney on the legality of publishing the names of delinquents.

The board also passed a motion telling Brunell to turn over demand notices on all delinquent accounts to Wheeler for collection. The Selectmen gave Brunell six weeks to take the action and called another meeting for Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The collection of back taxes has gained considerable attention in other locales recently. In North Adams last week, City Treasurer Harold F. Less refused to comply with an order from the state to open up the tax records for publication. Less maintained the back tax records were not public information. The state's attorney general's office indicated it might sue to have the records opened.

The move to open the records was led by the North Adams Transcript, a subsidiary publication of the Boston Globe. In the past month, the Globe has printed the names and amounts of all delinquent taxpayers in Boston, the state's largest city. The publication has resulted in the collection of a considerable amount of back taxes, city officials report.

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John S. Egan

OLD ORIENTI PROPERTY next to the Lee Fire Department's central station, on the right, would be purchased for possible firehouse expansion if voters approve a \$35,000 article on the annual town meeting warrant. The house, the former home of the late Hubert P. Orienti, Lee fire chief for over 21 years, is now owned by Mrs. Frances Karabelas.

Lee may buy Orienti site next to town fire station

By John S. Egan

LEE — With the possible future expansion of the central firehouse in mind, the Selectmen last week voted to include an article on the annual town meeting warrant that would use \$35,000 in either revenue sharing funds or free cash to buy the old Orienti house and property next to the fire station on Main Street.

The article was one of a number of articles included on the town meeting warrant that seek approval for outlays of as much as \$141,300 in revenue sharing funds.

The house, a two-story white frame structure, was for years the home of the late Hubert P. Orienti, who was fire chief here for more than 21 years. Now vacant, the building is owned by Frances Karabelas of Main Street. Mrs. Karabelas has offered the town first refusal on the house and property, according to Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova.

While there are no immediate plans to enlarge the firehouse, acquisition of the property next door would "protect the south end of the station for future expansion," Castronova said.

If voters approve the \$35,000

article, the town would probably tear down the old Orienti house and build a parking lot for firemen, he said.

The property, which extends from Main Street to Railroad Street, could be used to give the firemen two ways of getting to the station. Castronova said that Railroad Street access to the station could be very valuable at times when Main Street is blocked by Tanglewood traffic. The only present access to the station is from Main Street.

The lot could also be used for the possible future construction of a police station, Castronova said, or other future municipal purposes.

As they did last year, the Selectmen approved an article that would use \$75,000 in revenue sharing funds to make the town's fiscal 1978 payment for the new Central School wing.

The board also approved articles seeking use of revenue funds to purchase a \$25,000 rescue/pump truck and \$3,600 worth of new hose for the Lee Fire Department; two portable radios for the Lee Police Department for \$1,700, and \$1,000 for the establishment of a drop-in center for local teen-agers.

The Selectmen voted to in-

clude seven articles that ask the town to raise and appropriate a total of \$23,405. The articles seek \$10,000 for a complete audit of the tax collector's office; the town accountant's office and other town offices; \$6,200 for a generator for the Town Hall; \$6,000 for a "Jaws of Life" that would be used by the Fire Department to extricate persons from wrecked automobiles; \$3,600 for laboratory equipment at the Tri-Town Health Laboratory; \$230 for a calculator for the Assessors, and \$125 for a filing cabinet for the town clerk's office.

Focus on value Kodachrome or Ektachrome \$1.49 Movie film processing Super 8 or Reg. McClelland Rexall Drug. Adv.

Lenox

Lenox boards' reports to town included in the town's 1977 annual report must be submitted no later than March 17, the Selectmen's office has announced. The deadline was March 6. The reports must be submitted by Friday to ensure that they are included in the annual town report.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

C. Marcel Brunell

Social News

Mary Hayes will wed William D. Morrissey

LEE — Miss Mary Margaret Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund A. Hayes of 59 Summer St., will become the bride of William David Morrissey, son of Francis B. Morrissey of Floral Park, N.Y., and the late Mrs. Morrissey.

The Rev. Joseph Gagan will conduct the noontime ceremony at St. Mary's Church. A reception at the Oak n' Spruce Resort, South Lee, will follow.

The bride will wear an ivory silk-organza gown accented with Venise lace. She will wear her mother's veil and cap of antique lace and ivory silk illusion and will carry white carnations, stephanotis and ivy.

Mrs. Patricia A. Plourde will be her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Miss Catherine E. Hayes, sister of the bride; Miss Brenda M. Plourde, Mrs. Edmund J. Hayes, Miss Shauneen S. Bossidy, Miss Marsha A. Macary and Miss Elizabeth Leahey.

The maid of honor will wear a pink nylon-chiffon print gown, and the bridesmaids will wear similar ivory gowns. All attendants will carry mixed daisies and baby's breath.

Edmund J. Hayes, brother of the bride, will be best man. Italo F. Baccoli, Joseph M. Brady, William L. Grant, William H. Myers, Salvatore J. Nocella and Carlo A. Santucci will usher.

After a wedding trip to Cape Cod, the couple will live in Lenox.

The bride, a teacher in the Lee public school system, earned an M.A. from the University of Connecticut in Storrs and a B.A. from the College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee.

Mr. Morrissey, an internal auditor for Chicago Pneumatic



Mary Margaret Hayes
Pryby

Tool Corp. in New York City, received a B.A. from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., and served in the U.S. Army for two years, including 16 months in Korea.

Lee church considers duo ministry

LEE — Parishioners of St. Mary's Church have been invited to a discussion tonight at 7:30 at the parochial school auditorium on the possibility of the parish adopting a team ministry.

Under the proposal, the parish would be administered by a team of priests, usually two, instead of the usual pastor-curate arrangement. St. Teresa's Church in Pittsfield has a team ministry.

At tonight's meeting here, three priests from the diocese's Commission for Team Ministry will be present to discuss that system with parishioners.

The possibility of a team ministry for the Lee church arose with the retirement of the Rev. Joseph F. Gagan, who was pastor. Since his retirement, the Rev. Sean Horgan has continued on as the parish priest, assisted by the Rev. James Scahill.

Parish Council

The parish recently announced the appointment of 11 persons to serve as the Parish Council. Besides the two priests, members are Atty. Henry M. Donahoe, James I. Brown, Frederick W. Bell, Mrs. Peter W. Consolati, Francis G. Fanning, Sister Barbara Price of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Frank J. Kelly, Mrs. Mary Morrissey, Miss Elizabeth Leahey, Mrs. James B. Powers, Mrs. Joseph F. Sorrentino, William B. Salinetti and Mrs. Thomas L'Heureux.

The parish plans a breakfast on the church lawn after the 9 a.m. Mass until noon on July 24.

In a change from previous policy, baptisms hereafter will be held at the 11 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of each month, unless there are special reasons for holding a baptism at a different time, according to last Sunday's parish bulletin.

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The former Hyde House on West Park Street in Lee, built in 1792, may soon be purchased by the town's chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Harris Photo



Richard Delmasto

Richard P. Hartmann and his popcorn wagon on Main Street, Great Barrington.

Barrington has popcorn wagon

By Richard Delmasto

GREAT BARRINGTON — A new popcorn wagon arrived in town Monday to the delight of a number of passers-by along Main Street.

Business was brisk and "much more than I anticipated," according to proprietor Richard P. Hartmann on his first day of business in front of the Town Hall.

Hartmann said the business, which will sell popcorn, fresh roasted peanuts and Coke, will be open seven days a week at the site and will probably operate during the evening hours during July and August. He said he plans to operate the business seasonally from April 1 to Nov. 15.

The handmade wagon was designed and built

by Berkshire Carriage Works on Seekonk Road. It has an oak interior, exterior birch panelling and a solid copper top.

Hartmann said the idea of operating a popcorn wagon had been a dream of his for many years and considers it a welcome change from the drudgery of operating a grinder machine at Sheffield Plastics where he has worked for the last four years.

Hartmann, who is a native of Great Barrington and resides on Castle Hill, added that town officials encouraged his endeavor and have been "100 per cent" behind him since he first proposed the idea to the Selectmen last fall.

The last popcorn stand in town, which was operated by Eugene Sullivan on Main Street, closed its operation in 1943.



Edward Ochtman

E. Ochtman Named Mill Manager

LEE — Edward Ochtman of Stockbridge has been named Mill Manager (electrical grades) of the Peter J. Schweitzer division, Kimberly Clark Corporation, according to an announcement made this week by Mill Operations Manager Milton J. Gordon. Ochtman was previously Mill Manager of the Schweitzer plant in Ancram, N.Y.

Meanwhile, Gordon, who since October has served as acting Mill Manager (electric grades) at the Lee complex, will resume full-time duties as Mill Operations Manager for the Schweitzer Division, with responsibility for operations in Mt. Holly, Pa., Spotswood, N.J., and Ancram, as well as those in Lee.

The specialties operations located in Lee will continue under the leadership of R.J. Krueger, Mill Manager (specialty grades), comprising the Eagle and Greylock Mills, the engineering group, the Pope Mill and utilities.

F.C. Hartwell, Division Manufacturing Specialist, will head the Ancram Mill.

The Berkshire Eagle, Monday, July 1



John S. Egan

DESCENDANTS and relatives of Abbondio Salinetti of Lee gather to honor the 86-year-old native of Berbenno, Italy, who stands in center of group, holding 7-week-old great-granddaughter Rebecca Colban, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colban. Salinetti, who will be 87 on

July 24, received a letter of congratulations from President and Mrs. Carter. The gathering includes Salinetti's three children, 16 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

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17 Lee woman reported missing since July 15



Kathleen R. Lawrence

LEE — Local and state police have sent out two missing person bulletins on Kathleen Rowley Lawrence, a 20-year-old East Street mother of two who was last seen in the area on July 15.

Michael Lawrence, the missing woman's husband, told police he last saw his wife on July 15 at 11:40 a.m. when she left in the family's 1971 dark green Pinto Runabout to go to her mother's house in Tyringham.

Police and Lawrence said they have had no contact with the woman since then. Police said they have received no reports about the car, which has Massachusetts license 585-ASA. Lawrence said his wife took no clothes with her on July 15.

Mrs. Lawrence is described as being 5-feet, 2-inches tall and weighing about 138 pounds. She has shoulder length dirty blonde hair. She was last seen wearing blue jean shorts, a purple blouse, sneakers and carrying a black pocketbook.

The Lawrences' two young children are staying with Lawrence's parents in Canaan, N.Y.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Mrs. Lawrence has been asked to call Lee Police, State Police or the home of Lawrence's parents in Canaan at 518-781-4562.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

BASKING in the light in front of an exhibition on solar energy at the Lee Savings Bank are President Richard E. Sitzler, right, and Asst. Treasurer Peter W. Brown. The exhibit, produced by an Acton public relations firm, will be at the bank through the end of March.

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Lee bank has solar-energy exhibit

LEE — An exhibition on solar energy, billed as "the power source of the future," will be in the northeast corner of the Lee Savings Bank until the end of the month. It is open free to the public during regular business hours.

The bank has rented the exhibition, which features explanations of solar heating systems in typical homes, from TNT, the bank's public relations firm which is located in Acton.

Richard E. Sitzler, the president of the bank, said the exhibition was being put on "to increase the knowledge of the community about solar energy and the way it works."

Calling solar energy the "way of the future" and "a tremendous source of energy that goes to waste today," Sitzler said the materials for the exhibit were donated by various companies involved in solar technology.

The aim of the exhibit, according to a press release put out by TNT is "to demonstrate the feasibility and adaptability of solar energy both now and in the future. It (the exhibit) includes plans for hot water and heating systems that can be built into new homes or 'retro-fitted' on existing structures."

Said Sitzler: "On the bank's 125th anniversary, we'd like to think that we can recognize the advancements in technology that make a better tomorrow."

But Sitzler said the bank does not offer any financial incentives through its mortgage policy to people wanting to include a solar energy heating system in their homes.

The exhibition was coordinated by Peter W. Brown, an assistant treasurer at the bank.

Hamshire awards R A

\$3.2 million EPA grant will finance Lee sewers

LEE — The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today officially awarded the town \$3,272,715 for its \$4.9 million sewer construction project that will add 285 households and about 1,000 residents to the municipal system. The EPA in February tentatively approved the grant, and the announcement was expected.

In making the announcement, the office of Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Pittsfield, said the funds would be used to help construction of 67,025 linear feet of lateral sewers, three pumping stations in South Lee and 9,750 linear feet of force main. Lateral lines carry sewage into the main lines.

The 1976 annual town meeting

appropriated \$700,000 as the town's share of the project. The state, through the Water Resources Commission, will contribute about \$900,000.

J. Peter Scolforo, the Lee superintendent of public works, said today the construction project would include the South Lee streets of Willow, Pine, Meadow, Church, Fairview, Davis, Highfield and Route 102; the East Lee streets of Water, Chapel, Silver and Forest, parts of Greylock, Maple, Spring and Leonard streets and Devon Road, and the Barnes Brook area from Leonard to Housatonic streets.

The pumping stations will be built on Route 102 at the Stocbridge town line, Route 102 at the intersection with Fairview Street, and Route 102 near the Mead Corp.'s Laurel Mill. The project also includes the elimination of a pumping station on Fairview Street near the Massachusetts Turnpike overpass. That sewer line will become a gravity-flow line, Scolforo said.

Scolforo said he expected bids on the project to go out in October, with the awarding of the contract sometime in December. Work is scheduled to begin in March. The project is expected to take between two and three years to complete.

The federal funds for the project are part of the money impounded by former President Richard M. Nixon in 1973. The town applied for the funds when they were released by former President Gerald R. Ford in 1974.

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FIRE BURNS CHERRILY in the rediscovered fireplace in Herman Melville's study at Arrowhead. Visitors will get to see the fireplace when the historic

house opens to the public today. Hours are 10 to 5 Mondays through Saturdays and 1 to 5 Sundays. A small admission charge will be levied.

Joel Librizzi

The fireplace Melville wrote by is found

By Judy Katz

Because of a clue found in a 125-year-old letter, Herman Melville's study will be back to its original form, with fireplace, for visitors who troop to Arrowhead when it opens to the public for the season today.

A truncated version of the room, part of it partitioned off to form a hallway, was on display last season at the onetime home of the renowned novelist, author of "Moby-Dick."

The home is now the headquarters of the Berkshire County Historical Society, which is gradually restoring it to its condition at the time Melville lived and wrote there in the early 1850s. From June 1 to Oct. 31, the society provides guided tours of restored rooms.

its original shape and size. The original paint was still on the hidden floorboards and woodwork.

By matching the colors, the room could be painted in the same soft brown (for the floor) and subtle green (for the wainscoting and woodwork) as it had been in Melville's day.

As for the fireplace itself, a small one with a stone lintel, Smith said, "We didn't know until we broke through the brick if it was still there." The opening had been bricked up.

"Had they destroyed it, perhaps by putting in a flue for the furnace? To my great joy, it was still intact."

There has been no attempt to locate the furniture Melville had

in the room, only to replicate its character.

Because they knew he "used many books, many sources, a bookcase was a must," society members working on the restoration decided.

Another factor: "The Melvilles were not a well-to-do family; they weren't likely to have the means to buy new furniture for the house. So we decided the furniture had to be of a period earlier than the 1850s."

Midway between the fireplace and the north window that looks across to Mt. Greylock is a table with an inkstand, quill, sand shaker, and other writing equipment. There are two rush-seat chairs, a small desk, and a chest.

One of the other chairs was chosen because Melville had written about his "old claw-footed chair." It is both old and claw-footed.

Only two pictures on the walls are known to have belonged to Melville. One was a gift from a descendant to the society, and is believed to have hung at Arrowhead.

The room is one of two that didn't undergo major changes at the hands of successive owners, Smith said. "Too many owners tried to make more of our Arrowhead than it was meant to be," he said, adding that every description Melville gave of his home included two words — "old" and "farmhouse."

In a letter Melville wrote to his publisher, he described a typical day at Arrowhead. The society's executive director, Donald S. Smith, was electrified by one phrase in which Melville said he would "go to my workroom and light a fire."

The ordinary-sounding sentence set off a flurry of poking, searching and analyzing the structure of the house, because the second-floor study — Melville's "workroom" — had no place to light a fire.

"I said, 'Aha!' Of course he would have had to have a fire," Smith recalled. "It's a northeast room, and it would have been colder than Greenland in the winter."

The search led out into the hall. The partition, put up by a subsequent owner to eliminate the need for passing through the room to reach the back of the house, "was what threw us off."

The society discovered a bonus when they took down the partition to restore the room to

Stipulations ordered for 8 houses to be built on Lee's Tamarack Ave.

LEE — The Lee Conservation Commission has issued a set of conditions for the proposed construction of eight houses on Tamarack Avenue to be built in an area that is partly a wetland.

The proposed houses have been the subject of neighborhood controversy. Residents of the Tamarack Avenue area for three consecutive weeks attended meetings of the Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to voice fears that the proposed construction would compound existing drainage problems.

The houses are to be built by contractor John S. Boone of

Brisson Building Corp.

The order of conditions issued by the Conservation Commission addresses some of the concerns raised by area residents. The order applies particularly to three lots which include wetlands. It was issued May 21.

The conditions

The conditions specify:

— Replacement of flood storage areas on lots 4, 5 and 7 that will be lost due to filling. The flood storage areas are to be replaced through excavation on lots 1, 2, 3 and 6.

— Construction of swales between lots 2 and 3 and 5 and 6. The swales "shall be at least 6

inches below present street grade," at least 5 feet in width and "set at such a grade as to allow free flowage of street drainage to the rear of the property."

— Connection of "all drainage pipes presently visible or encountered during development of the project" to "drain unimpeded toward the rear of the property." The size of the installed pipes "shall be no smaller than existing pipes." Manholes are to be built "whenever a change in direction of the drains is encountered."

— A ban on the use of imported fill for grading purposes, except for "foundation and driveway construction needs."



Stephen Hawkins

BLANTYRE CASTLE in Lenox is expected to be sold soon and operated, again, as an inn.

Blantyre Castle sale is expected

By Susan Besaw Walsh

LENOX — James G. Donahue, who was interested in purchasing Cranwell School last year, is putting together a deal that would make him and his brother-in-law and, possibly some other investors from Illinois, the new owners of Blantyre Castle off Routes 7 & 20 here.

Both Donahue and William D. Roche, president of the Lenox Savings Bank, which bought the 87.5-acre property at a foreclosure auction last August, said they are only waiting for the purchase agreement to be signed to turn over the property to Donahue and his brother-in-law, Charles Martin of Illinois.

"I anticipate it being done almost immediately," Roche said yesterday.

The bank president also said that Donahue has a "verbal commitment" from the bank for purchase of the restaurant and inn, and financing will come from three area savings bank — in Lee, Great Barrington and Lenox.

Donahue, who resigned as president of Southern Vermont College in Bennington,

Vt., last year, has since moved to Lenox and is living at Rolling Hills. He tried to buy the huge Cranwell School property here last year, but that deal fell through for lack of financing.

Roche said, however, that financing could be provided for the Blantyre purchase, which would represent a far smaller amount than the cost of buying the giant 385-acre Cranwell tract.

The Lenox Savings Bank, which had the first mortgage on Blantyre, bought the property for \$300,000 last year. Roche said that the bank's verbal agreement with Donahue calls for more than that amount, but he declined to specify what the purchase price would be.

Donahue said yesterday that Blantyre would be operated as an inn and restaurant and during the winter it might be opened as housing for area college students.

He acknowledged that the sewer problem at Blantyre must be corrected before his group could open the restaurant and inn there, and added that they would have to compete for the available annual

all-alcoholic liquor license.

He indicated that he did not feel those were insurmountable problems and said that the "next step is to sign a purchase and sales agreement.

Donahue said that he commutes daily to Brattleboro, Vt., where he is working as an unpaid administrator at the troubled Mark Hopkins College.

Mark Hopkins, an experimental college program in which students pursue independent study and do not receive formal grades, is reportedly in financial difficulties.

But Donahue said that his interest in Blantyre should be considered a separate venture from his employment at Mark Hopkins.

"I'm trying to help the trustees (at Mark Hopkins) solve some of their problems," he said.

He added that he hoped his position at Mark Hopkins, which the school's attorney characterized as acting "chief administrative officer," will eventually "turn into a job."

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Our Berkshires



The visit

By Hal Borland

SALISBURY, Conn.

HE WAS LATE. We expected him early, since it was the weekend. He usually gets here in midevening, making the dry run — a kind of inspection run, to pick up landmarks, and he gets home in time to rest up for the big trip. For some years he has been stopping here for a breather or a cup of coffee or to make repairs.

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But it was well after midnight when I heard the swish of his landing and the puffing of his team. Then I heard a soft, "Ho ho ho," and wondered if it were the old man after all. He didn't usually go in for that kind of thing on the dry run. But I went down and opened the door, and there he was in that ratty old shearling coat and tattered stocking cap, his white beard snowy and his eyes twinkling in the starlight. I opened the door and he tiptoed in, whispering, "Is Barbara awake?" I said yes and he shouted, "Merry Christmas to all and to —" Then he stopped. "I forgot," he said, and he hugged Barbara, kissed her on both cheeks.

I began to wonder what had happened to our old friend.



Barbara had started the coffee. We all went to the kitchen. Our visitor practically danced after her, snapping his fingers in time with a rhyme he was saying under his breath: "And a little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly."

"Well," I said as we sat down, "are you having a good run?"

He laughed, and he put a hand on his belly, which truly was shaking like that bowlful of jelly. "Best run I ever made," he said.

Barbara poured a cup of coffee for him and set out the peanut butter and jelly sandwich. He sipped and took a bite. "I got involved in a party," he said. "Team needed a breather, and I landed right in front of a place they were having a holiday party. A whole crowd of young folks came out and grabbed me, took me inside. Said I must sing and dance for them. You know I can't dance, at my age, and I'm not much of a singer. I did sort of sing a couple of songs, then recited poetry. They'd never heard 'Jingle Bells.' Can you imagine? So I taught them that."

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He ate half the sandwich. "But what really got to them was 'A Visit from Saint Nicholas.' Remember that one?" he asked with a canny smile. "Probably not by that name. Not many people do. . . . And all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, Clement Moore wrote it, back in 1822. 'The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hope that Saint Nicholas soon would be there.' Now do you recognize it?"

"The children," I chimed in, "something-something, were tucked in their beds. . . ."

"And visions of sugar plums," Barbara took it up, "danced in their heads."

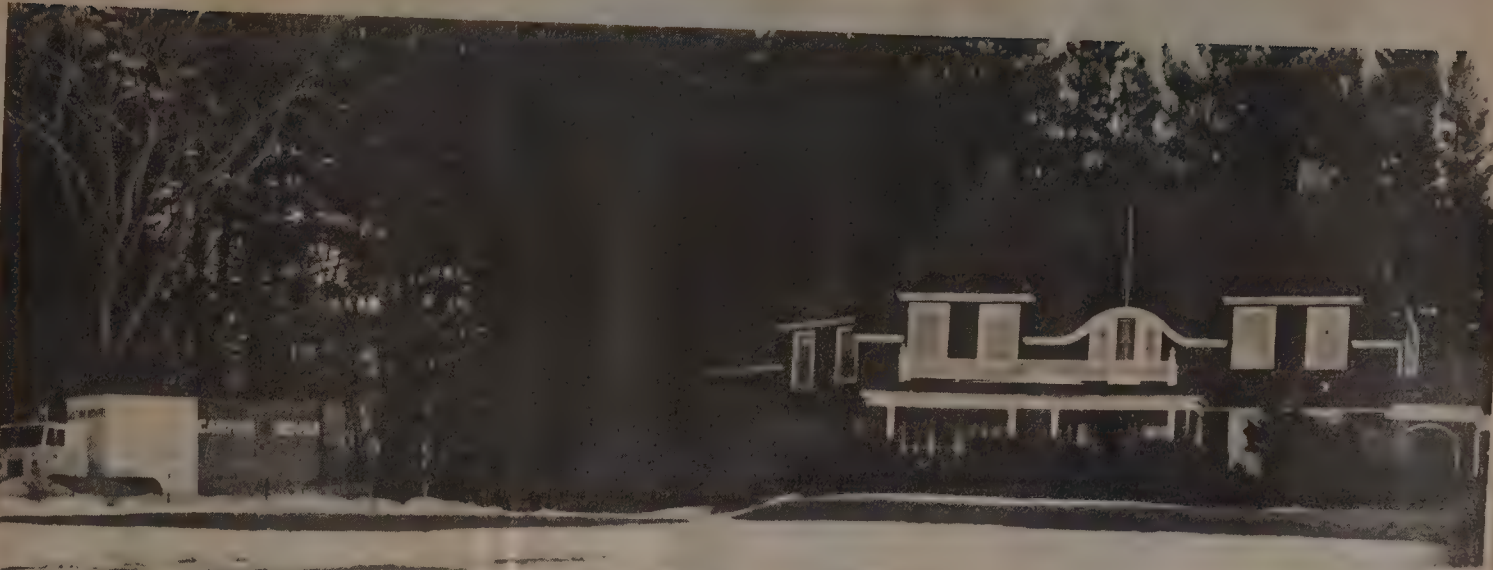
"When out on the lawn," I went on, "there arose such a clatter. . . ."

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But the old gentleman wasn't listening. He sat there with a deep, inner smile, slowly nodding. He finished his coffee and he said softly, "You remember. Lots of people remember. Those youngsters I recited it to, they will remember. That's all that matters, really, isn't it? That somebody remembers you were here and tried to make them happy."

Then he straightened up, forced a laugh that had no jelly-shake in it at all, and said, "Time's awasting, and I'm keeping you up. I've still got a long way to go." And he hugged Barbara, patted me on the shoulder. Outside, he hurried to the old weatherbeaten sleigh and pulled a robe up over his knees, picked up the reins and hup-hopped to his team. As they headed for take-off he shouted, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!" Then we were alone with the stars and the quiet again.

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MOVING VAN at left, carted away the belongings of writer Norman Mailer yesterday after he sold his five-acre Yale Hill Road home for

\$100,000 to James and Helene Buckley of New York City. Buckley is a founder of Screw, a New York City-based pornographic newspaper.

Carol Cioe

NYC couple buy Mailer house

By Carol Cioe

STOCKBRIDGE — Pulitzer prize-winning novelist Norman Mailer of Brooklyn, N.Y., has sold his five-acre property on Hill Road here to James

and Helene Buckley of New York City for \$100,000.

Buckley is a founder of Screw magazine and a producer of "Flesh Gordon," a 1973 pornographic film based loosely on

the old-time science fiction comic Flash Gordon, according to a source at the New York City-based publication.

Buckley sold his interest in Screw magazine two years ago.

Mailer bought the acreage and 75-year-old house, known as the former Wundtke Estate.

The Buckleys have obtained a \$70,000 mortgage from the Great Barrington Savings Bank to finance the purchase.

The Buckleys three weeks ago purchased the Louis Modolo commercial property on Route 7 in Great Barrington for \$41,000.

the Central Berkshire Registry noted that Mailer recently paid off a \$60,000 mortgage obtained from the Lenox Savings Bank in 1973 and that the federal government has released a tax lien on the property for \$60,734.68 in unpaid taxes for 1974.

The 15-room, brown mansion and several outbuildings were built originally on a 75-acre tract in 1901 by the late Frank at Warren.



SMOKE AND STEAM is carried by southerly breeze across the Housatonic River at rear of Eagle Mill of Schweitzer division of Kimberly-Clark in Lee.

Fire last night in cupola near smokestack at left did minor damage. The mill is the one near head of Main Street in Lee.

Frank V. McCarthy

Fire does minor damage to paper mill

LEE — A fire last night at the Eagle Mill of the Schweitzer division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. burned a cupola but did no damage to the mill's equipment and did not force operations to shut down, fire officials said this morning.

Fire Chief Ottavio B. Giarolo said a 12-by 42-foot cupola that

is 8 feet high was destroyed by the fire, which was reported at 7:16 p.m.

He said the fire was caused by a defective smoke stack from a boiler in the mill leading to the chimney and cupola. Giarolo said that no damage estimate had yet been made. The boiler was not damaged.

The fire was contained in about 30 minutes by 24 men answering the alarm on four trucks, the chief said.

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SORRENTINO FAMILY gathers around the grill at Joe's Diner in Lee. From left are Joey, Joe Sr., Frank, Robert and Michael. In front, diagonally from the right, are Theresa, Sammy,

and Peter, the youngest of the seven Sorrentino children. Every one in the family has his assigned job at the Center Street diner.

Benjamin L. Ginsberg

Joe's Diner is a family affair

By Benjamin L. Ginsberg

LEE — Joe Sorrentino can easily recall 4:30 p.m. on March 9, 1965, the time he paid \$5,500 and took over a small, dirty and wholly undistinguished hash house and sandwich joint on Center Street near the Peter J. Schweitzer Division's Eagle Mill.

He says it took "a lot of 12-, 14-, and even 16-hour days," but he has brought the business to the point where its bountiful portions and reasonable prices have made it a 24-hour-a-day institution for area residents and transient truckers alike.

Looking back on the past 22 years, Joe can take time from turning a foot-high pound of home fries, shake his head and say:

"It was pretty bad before. It took me a lot of years just to convince women to come in here. But the whole family worked hard and we take care of the workingman and give him fast service and good simple food just like he'd get at home."

Joe's Diner is now a place where women not only join men at the 14 counter stools and three tables, but often have to wait in line for a seat. Sorrentino estimates that he, his wife, Theresa, their seven children and a small platoon of colorful employees serve 4,000 meals a week. The business is closed only between 6 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. Monday.

In fact, Sorrentino has long been reluctant to have an article written because business is so good. "Jeez, we don't need the publicity. They won't be able to get in the place," he says. Typically, he agreed to have the article written only as a personal favor.

There are two things that make Joe's special in Lee. The first is that it's open around the clock. The second is that it is a microcosm of the town — a place that exists because of the rough and tough workingman, but which beneath that exterior is a place with abundant charm and characteristics appealing to the more well-to-do.

As with any successful restaurant, part of the reason for success is the personality of the place — and that comes from the people who work there. Joe, Theresa and the six Sorrentino children who live at home have jobs there. The oldest child, Debbie, is a mathematics major at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, and works at the diner when home on vacation.

The waitresses know most of the customers by name, and a meal at Joe's is enough to let anyone with a well-trained ear in on the local gossip. The staff is headed, and epitomized by, Lillian "Tiger Lil" Hodgdon, a woman well-versed in Joe's customers and the mores of Lee. She has been a cook there for 17 years.

Her sotto voce has become well-known to Joe's regulars, and she's the first to say that all that's part of the joint's charm. "We know everyone who comes in. They like to get us hollering. In fact those naggers aren't satisfied unless they get

us hollerin' about something. But if I didn't have someone to argue with I wouldn't be here. They come here for that and the food."

The diner's reputation has been made on the food, the portions, which are large, and the prices, which range up to \$2.50 for a steak dinner with two vegetables and bread. The diner's fare, Sorrentino says, is aimed "at the workingman, the real people."

That's the formula, but the result is a clientele that can include elbow to elbow at the counter, mill workers, weekend residents, dating couples, tourists, longhairs and businessmen.

Sorrentino — a hefty man in his 40s who grew up in Lee, was a Lee High School basketball and baseball standout, learned to cook in the Army and came back to marry a local girl — delights in that mix.

For example, a big smile comes over his face when he tells how a group of summer theater actors took a shine to the place and came up with the diner's theme, "God Bless Joe's Diner." Joe liked the idea, put the slogan on T-shirts, and now sells about 2,000 a year at \$2.50 each. And he takes special glee in telling people that "Alice Brock (of Alice's at Avaloch) wears them around sometimes."

The diner's Center Street location and interior decorations also provide part of the charm. It is crammed between a store that jointly houses a taxidermist and stained-glass-window maker, and a laundromat. All the buildings are owned by Sorrentino, who bought the entire block three years after opening the diner.

The interior features displays of food, candy, tobacco and razors. The floors are linoleum and the walls are shades of brown wood. A pinball machine stands in the back; a cigarette machine and jukebox are by the entrance.

Sorrentino says all that is an asset. "Hey, we

don't have to charge people for the carpets or the wall hangings, none of that. We own the building, so that cuts way down on the overhead. All we have to charge them for is the food, and that's the way we want it," he says.

The menu runs from steaks to hamburgers to chicken to roasts. The piece de resistance is the daily specials, which Joe says have been the same for 22 years — Monday is roast beef, Tuesday is meat loaf, Wednesday is roast pork, Thursday is corned beef and cabbage, Friday is fish and Saturday is baked ham. Breakfasts are available at all times, unless the grill is filled with diners. The mound of home fries on the left side of the grill is kept high enough at all times to feed an entire shift of mill workers.

The personal touch is what Joe Sorrentino says makes his place tick. In his case that means a thriving business, but it also means not having taken a vacation in 22 years.

"Hey, I'm a bug on my business, what can I do?" he asks. "If I don't take care of the business it'll take care of me. But look, in what other restaurant can you get such a personal touch. I know what people want. I know my customers. If you're a big eater, I give you more."

"Besides, when you have seven kids, you can't fool around. If I didn't have this business I'd have to have two jobs," he says.

As his two oldest sons, twins Joey and Michael, have neared high school graduation, Joe has talked more and more of cutting down his hours. The boys are now working full time in the diner, having been prepped by years of after school work and some Lee High School cooking classes. But whether Joe is actually taking more time off is disputed by his wife. "Someday," they both say.

The other factor that makes Joe's as popular as it is is Sorrentino's philosophy of "The more you give, the more you receive." Joe is said, although never to his face, to be a soft touch. The parish priests at St. Mary's know that if someone needs a meal, Joe will help out. If the Red Cross needs provisions in a hurry late at night, Chairman Franklin Sturgis always goes to Joe.

"If it's 2 in the morning and there's a fire, all you have to do is call Joe, and it's amazing how quickly they get out the sandwiches and coffee. And when it comes to paying, Joe just says to come in when I have the chance. He says it's important to serve the food to the people who need it fast. He's a great asset to this community, and it hasn't gone to his head," Sturgis says.

And there are also the old-timers whom Joe feeds on his "meal ticket plan," which means that longtime customers who find themselves alone in the world or down on their luck get to eat at a special discount rate.

The keys to the Sorrentino success? "Knowing what your customers want, caring about them and volume," he says with a shrug.



JOE'S DINER on Center Street in Lee.

Benjamin L. Ginsberg



1919 GIRL SCOUTS, the first troop in Lee, consisted of, left to right, back row, Lillian Johnston Pecon (owner of this photograph), Alice Felton, Thelma Melby, Helen Teale and Madeline Heebner; front row, Helen Bradley, leader Kate Wilds and Helen Pease. The three in front row are now deceased. Rose Tolvo, another member of the troop, was not present when photo was taken. Below is Mrs. Pecon, who last night donned the same uniform she is shown wearing in picture above.

Lee Girl Scouts hear veteran of town's first troop

By Frank V. McCarthy

LEE — About 300 mothers and daughters attending a Girl Scout banquet here last night heard recollections by Lillian Johnston Pecon of 47 Cliffwood St. about the first troop formed in Lee.

It was Troop 1, formed in 1919 and disbanded in 1924, when all eight members graduated from Lee High School. The troop's two patrols went on 25-mile hikes on weekends, sold poppies for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, learned to communicate by semaphore and attended summer overnights at Camp Bonnie Brae in Otis, according to Mrs. Pecon. The troop held its meetings in the parlors of the Congregational Church here.

Mrs. Pecon brought to the meeting a Troop 1 Girl Scout uniform, which she subsequently donned at the request of a photographer. The uniform still fit her, she observed, noting that the women's clothes of 1919 were somewhat less tight fitting than today's.

Other alumnae of Girl Scouting in Lee who were introduced at last night's banquet, held in the Lee High cafetorium, were Ida Fosty, Sandra Cozzogio, Yetize Benton, Victoria Truchero, Barbara Guttormsen, Lois Brown, Eleanor Struss, Florence Consolati, Diane Wheeler, Lena Bettega and Florence Burt. Mrs. Benton was presented with a 30-year membership pin.

Charlotte Striebel of the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council gave a talk soliciting sustaining memberships. Jean Dolan, neighborhood chairman for Lee, presided.

The 11 troops in Lee will each purchase one of the medallions being struck by the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia in observance of the 65th anniversary of the national founding of the Girl Scouts. A model for one of the 12 medallions, which are based on drawings done by Norman Rockwell of Stockbridge, is Lynn Fleming of Cadet Troop 59 of Lee. As of Dec. 31, there were 158 Girl Scouts in Lee.



Social News

Margot Cerruti re-elected by Berkshire Junior League

Mrs. Margot S. Cerruti of Lee will continue for another year as president of the Junior League of Berkshire County, Inc. She was re-elected at the league's 44th annual meeting on April 12 at the Country Club of Pittsfield.

Eighteen young women became active members of the league and 31 will enter membership as the provisional class of 1977-78.

Mrs. Cerruti delivered the annual report, highlighting the activities of the league for the year.

The continued commitment of the membership to sustained community service is evidenced in the activities, Mrs. Cerruti reported. The dual success of the Junior League Thrift Shop in providing an outlet for good quality recycled clothing, while generating \$14,500 for the community trust fund of the league, all of which is funneled back into the community, was highlighted in the report.

During the past year, the Junior League pledged \$5,000 to the Berkshire Council on Alcoholism for securing a residential facility; granted \$4,596.50 to the Berkshire County Rape Crisis Center, allowing them to move into a headquarters and to de-

velop a library of educational materials, and gave \$1,500 to the emergency fuel loan program, for a total of \$11,096.50.

The continued success, in its second year, of the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) project, implemented at Russell School, has seen the league support a motion for the application of available federal funds for funding throughout Berkshire County to communities interested in starting RIF programs.

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The historical and environmental project committee has successfully distributed the Berkshire Source Book, which is now in its second printing, the report said. The book and its corresponding learning kits, was the league's bicentennial gift to the Berkshire community.

The learning kits have been well received by the educational community, as evidenced by the request by the Pittsfield School Department social studies office for permission to reproduce the kits. Permission was granted.

Mrs. Cerruti concluded her report by inviting the membership to continue "to accept the role and the reward of the volunteer in today's complex, interdependent, and changing society where the needs for human service go far beyond the economic potential for paid services and because voluntarism offers much, because by definition, it doesn't have to be there."

Other officers named were: Barbara S. Bilyeu, vice president; Kathleen G. Barbara, corresponding secretary; Lois M. Volastro, recording secretary,

and Mary W. Maxymillian, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are: Lois B. Hill, admissions; Mrs. Bilyeu, advisory planning; Gail S. Street, community research; Elaine L. Lipton, education; Janet H. O'Brien, historical and environmental project; Amy F. Rager, newsheet; Sandra C. Smith, nominating; Phylene B. Farrell, placement; Ginabeth B. Gregor, provisional; Maureen B. Quinlan, RIF project; Susan D. Francese, public relations, Ann W. Fischer, thrift shop, and Brenda T. Wallingford, child advocacy.



Benjamin L. Ginsberg

"STOP" in the sign at the Maine Fish Stop on Main Street in Lee has brought a protest from the Planning Board. The board charges that the "Stop" can be confused with a traffic sign, and is a safety hazard. Main Street is at left.

Lee fish market owner is told his 'stop' sign is hazardous

LEE — The Planning Board has told the owner of the Maine Fish Stop on Main Street the red octagon setting off the word "Stop" in his sign must come down because it represents a traffic safety hazard.

But the owner, Arthur Zolinsky, Tuesday appealed to the Selectmen on the grounds that he has "had the sign up for two weeks and there hasn't been an accident. It's not a hazard because people pass right by, they don't mistake it for a traffic sign," he said.

Could be confused

The Selectmen, citing a section of the town bylaw prohibiting an advertising sign that could be confused with a traffic sign, told Zolinsky the only way he could keep his sign is by securing a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Zolinsky, protesting that all he was doing was "trying to make a living," indicated he would seek a variance.

The Maine Fish Stop is located on Main Street across from St. Mary's Church.

In other business Monday night, the Selectmen:

— Were told by Clerk of the Works Edward M. Briggs that the contractor, George E. Emerson, Inc., planned to turn the middle school wing of the Central School over to the town on about July 8. The town will then have the summer to go through the school to make sure it is ready for the start of classes in September.

— Received the annual request from the School Committee that it be allowed to encumber funds from the current fiscal year past July 1 to pay the summer salaries of teachers. The committee asked to encumber \$104,050, which it says it has in its budget. Encumber means to carry the money from one fiscal year into the next. Chairman Joseph J. Castronova said he had no real objection to the request, which the board

must approve under state law, but that he wanted to consult with the committee before giving the final approval. Castronova said he thought much less was encumbered last year.

— Discussed two junk piles along Route 102 that have been the source of several complaints. The board wrote Seth Hopkins last week, telling him to clean up the junk in his yard along the road. The Selectmen said four junk cars had been removed from the yard, but that scrap junk and brush still littered the yard. The board also noted that the state had junk vehicles located in their storage yard along Route 102. William M. Murphy said he would look into the situation.

— Received a thank you note from the Lenox Ambulance Squad for the Lee squad's help at a serious traffic accident on the night of June 3.

— Granted a one-day beer permit to members of United International Papermakers Union Local 78 at the Schweitzer division of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. for June 26 at the athletic field. The request was made by William J. Navin.

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May 9, 1977 storm



Giant footprints were found Tuesday leading to a store on Railroad Street in Great Barrington.

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Even Massachusetts Electric cars became bogged down.

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Castronova won't seek re-election

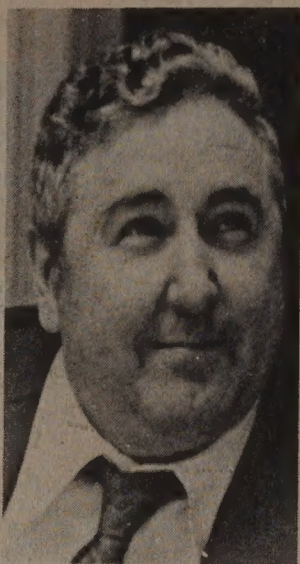
LEE — Selectmen Chairman Joseph J. Castronova last night announced he will not seek re-election to his second term this May because he is frustrated with efforts to change the Council on Aging's habit of making unauthorized capital expenditures and by local voter apathy.

Castronova, 41, a selectmen since 1975 and a member of the Department of Public Works for the five previous years, said that a recent council warrant for \$460 worth of pots and pans for the Senior Center kitchen had triggered the decision.

The Selectmen, who had been at loggerheads with the council over unauthorized capital expenditures, had severely criticized unapproved council purchases of a \$1,213.89 public address system and a movie projector last year. Castronova said he had been assured that the council would seek town approval for any new capital expenditure by the Rev. Walter S. Ryan, the council's latest chairman. Mr. Ryan submitted his resignation as chairman to the town board last week.

"I've had enough," Castronova said. "What really frosts this board is that the council went ahead after all the trouble over the PA system and the projector and ordered these pots and pans. We went ahead and paid for the projector because it had been purchased in fiscal 1977 and we didn't want to drag the council through the same thing it went through with the PA system. We explained to them that capital expenditures have to be appropriated. Then we got the \$460 bill for the pots and pans this week."

Characterizing the council as "a thorn in our side for the last six months," Castronova said he had been severely disappointed by a remark that Mr. Ryan made to a reporter last week as part of an explanation of his resignation as council chairman. An article in the March 1 Berkshire Eagle quoted Mr. Ryan as saying that "the Selectmen have lopped people off the council and refused to go along with our recommendations for



Joseph J. Castronova
Lee chairman

John S. Egan

replacements."

Last night Castronova labeled Mr. Ryan's statement as "an untruth."

"We didn't lop anyone off the council," Castronova said. "Last summer there were 13 members on the council. Town bylaw stipulates that there be seven to 11 members. We felt that a smaller board would be easier to work with. Six persons resigned between last summer and last fall. There was no pressure from our board to resign."

Castronova also said that special town meeting that approved without discussion Thursday a \$4,850 transfer from revenue sharing funds to pay for a new pickup truck for the Water De-

partment had been a factor in his decision not to run for a second term.

The Selectmen had included the article on the special town meeting after sharply criticizing the Department of Public Works for ordering the truck before it received town approval for the capital expenditure.

"We've tried to set a policy against unauthorized expenditures and we've tried to treat everyone the same," Castronova said. "The DPW truck was bought illegally and there was no discussion of it at the special town meeting. No one said anything."

"I think the representatives sitting there with lockjaw made it evident that they felt the board shouldn't have made an issue of the unauthorized purchase. It was a slap in the face. But I think we made the right decision."

Castronova said he was proud of the fact that the town of Lee had been the first town in Berkshire County to publicly release a list of persons owing delinquent real estate taxes last Aug. 29.

"We set the pattern on publishing tax lists," he said, and then joked, "and we're the first in the county to have a suit pending."

He said he was happy to have played "a small part" in the new wing for the Lee Library that was begun last month and the near \$6 million sewer job that is slated to begin this year.

"The job has been fun, a challenge and frustrating," he said. "I'm looking forward to spending a little more time in the future with my family. I came into office with a bang and I'm going to go out that way."

Selectmen William M. Murphy commented that the town would be "losing a damn good man." Selectwoman Lena D. Bettega said that she thought difficulties in getting the Council on Aging to toe the line on capital expenditures had hurt Castronova.

"The pots and pans were the straw that broke the camel's back," she said. "I know Joe has stepped on a few toes while he's been in office. It's too bad to lose him because he is as honest as the day is long."

Offices vandalized in Gt. Barrington

GREAT BARRINGTON — Several professional offices located on the second floor of the Mahaiwe Building were broken into last night and vandalized, police reported this morning.

The offices, located in the building on the northeast corner of Main and Castle streets, included those of attorneys Sidney R. Curtiss, Edward G. McCormick and William P. Murtagh; the office of dentist Dr. John E. Hassett; podiatrist

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